

The Mikana



1954

MIKANA

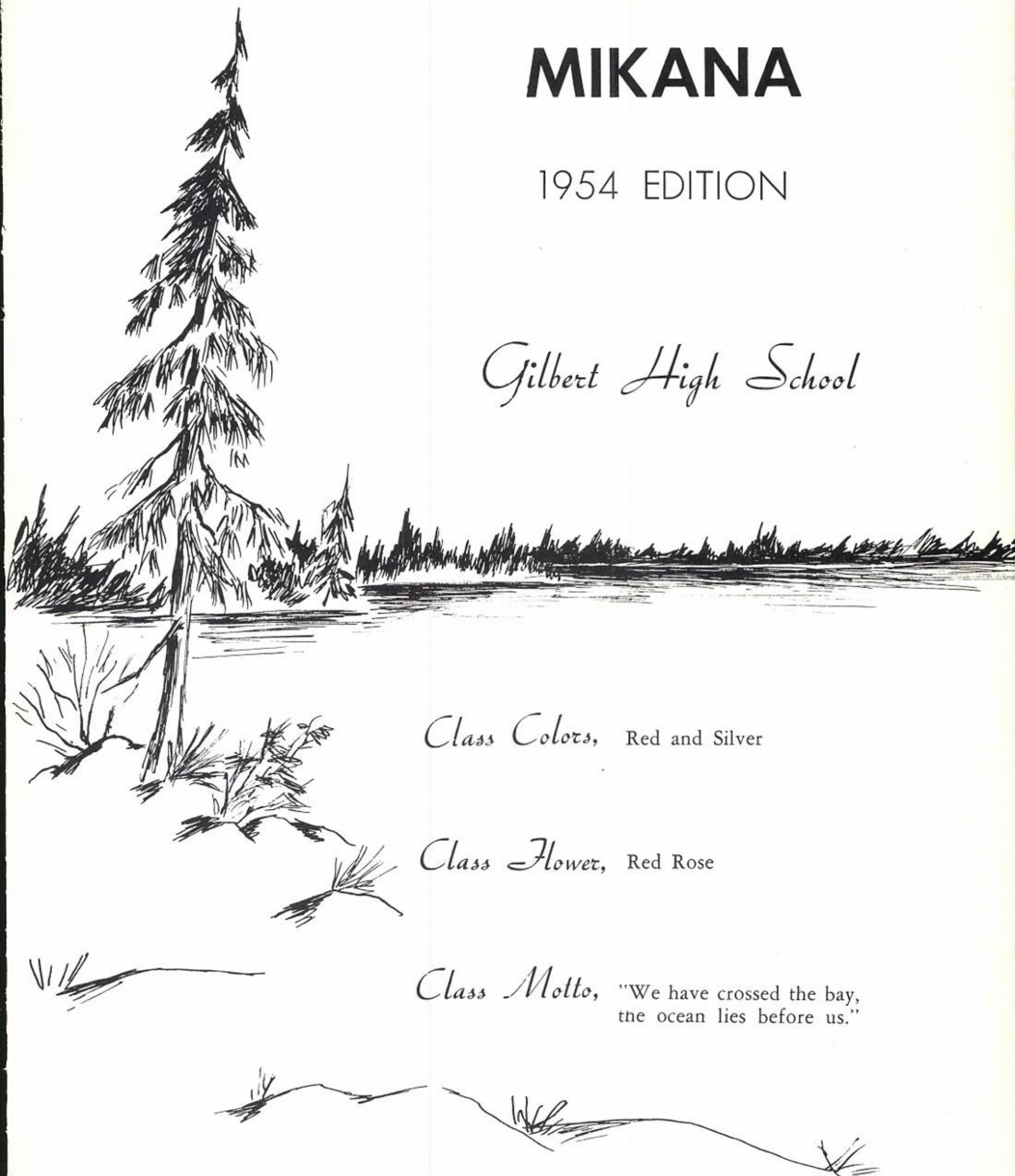
1954 EDITION

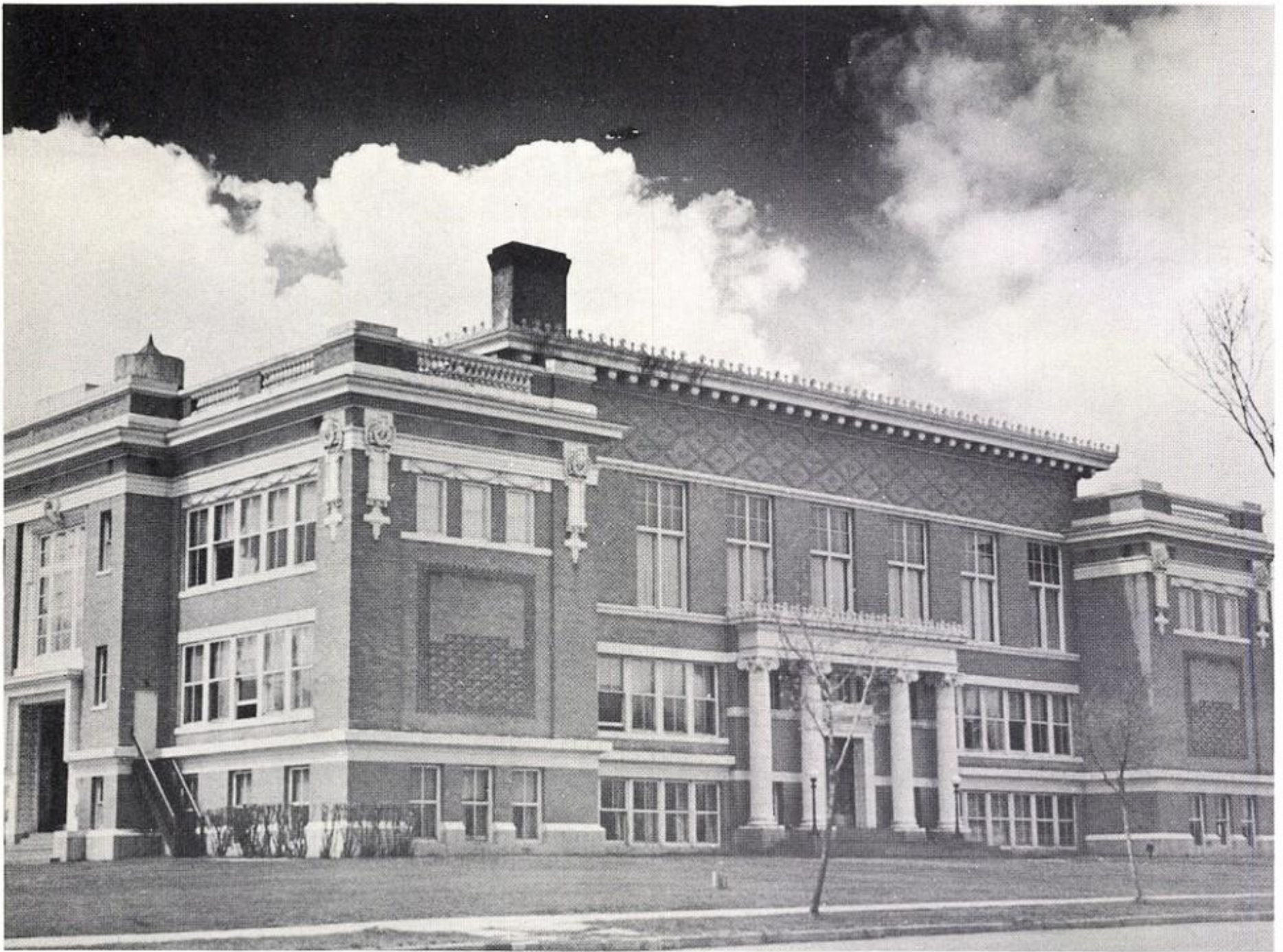
Gilbert High School

Class Colors, Red and Silver

Class Flower, Red Rose

Class Motto, "We have crossed the bay,
the ocean lies before us."





Forward

In the 1954 Mi Kana the staff has endeavored to portray through pictures and writings the memories of our high school days. This book represents a tangible reconstruction of the multifarious happenings in this passing parade.

A careful perusal of these pages will enable you to relive the fleeting bits of happiness that have been ours through these past years.

The senior class and Mi Kana staff join in extending their many thanks to their generous benefactors who have made this annual production financially possible.

The Staff



Dedication

During the years Mr. Mehle has been with us, he has always been a friend to us all as well as an excellent teacher and advisor. We shall always remember his friendly smile and understanding ways.

We, the class of "54" dedicate this MIKANA to Mr. Anton Mehle whom we will always regard with sincere appreciation. Education has profited by men of his caliber, who have dedicated their lives to the development and training of young minds.

TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

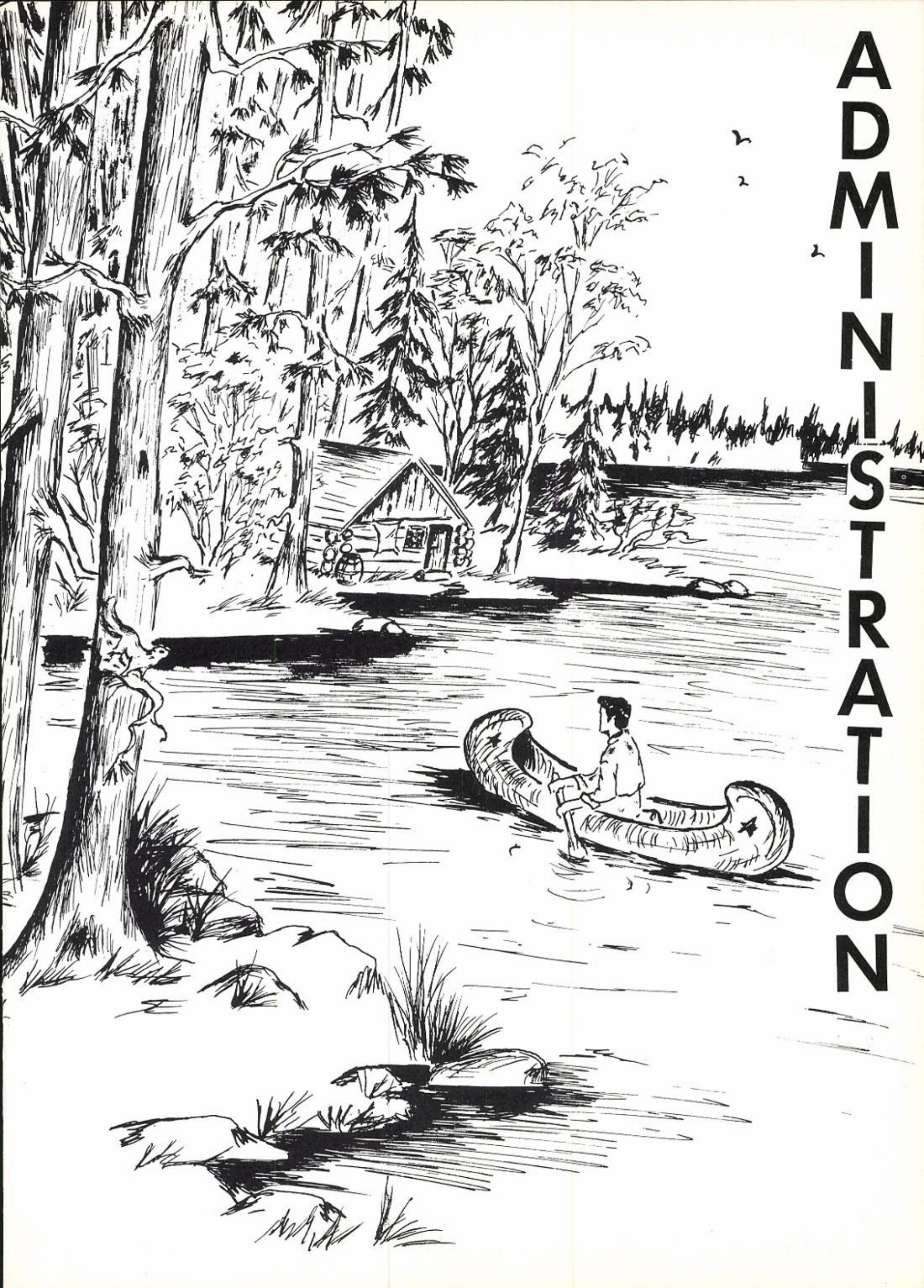
Thou preparest a table before me in the pres-
ence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness, and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.



In memorium of Ronald Richard Kivela who died
March 30, 1943.

ADMINISTRATION





Principal W. J. Kaczrowski.



Supt. L. T. Lechner.

Administration

I cannot find my way: there is no star
In all the shrouded heavens anywhere;
And there is not a whisper in the air
Of any living voice but one so far
That I can hear it only as a bar
Of lost, imperial music, played when fair
And angel fingers wove, and unaware,
Dead leaves to garlands where no roses
are.

No, there is not a glimmer, nor a call,
For one that welcomes, welcomes when
he fears,
The black and awful chaos of the night;
But through it all, —above, beyond it
all—

I know the far-sent message of the years,
I feel the coming glory of the Light!

Edwin Arlington Robinson



Jr. High Principal, N. Shean.

O world, thou chooseth not the better
part!

It is not wisdom to be only wise,
And in the inward vision close the eyes,
But it is wisdom to believe the heart.
Columbus found a world, and had no
chart

Save one that faith deciphered in the
skies;

To trust the soul's invincible surmise.
Was all his science and his only art.
Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine
That lights the pathway but one step
ahead

Across a void of mystery and dread.
Bid. then the tender light of faith to
shine

By which alone the mortal heart is led
Unto the thinking of the thought divine.

George Santayana



BOARD OF EDUCATION—L. T. Lechner, A. W. Indihar, A. Rankila, E. Kieren, H. Holmes, W. Kern, P. Mal-kovich, J. Kapellar.

FACULTY



SEATED—J. Morasco, Librarian. STANDING—J. O'Dougherty, English; R. Moriarity, Science; H. Anderson, Mathematics.



SEATED—A. Mehle, Social Studies; F. Montagna, Girls' Phy. Ed. STANDING—C. Jones, Vocal Music; S. Kerzie, Boys' Phy. Ed.; A. Frillici, Instrumental Music.

To humbler functions, awful Power!
I call thee: I myself commend
Unto thy guidance from this hour;
Oh, let my weakness have an end!

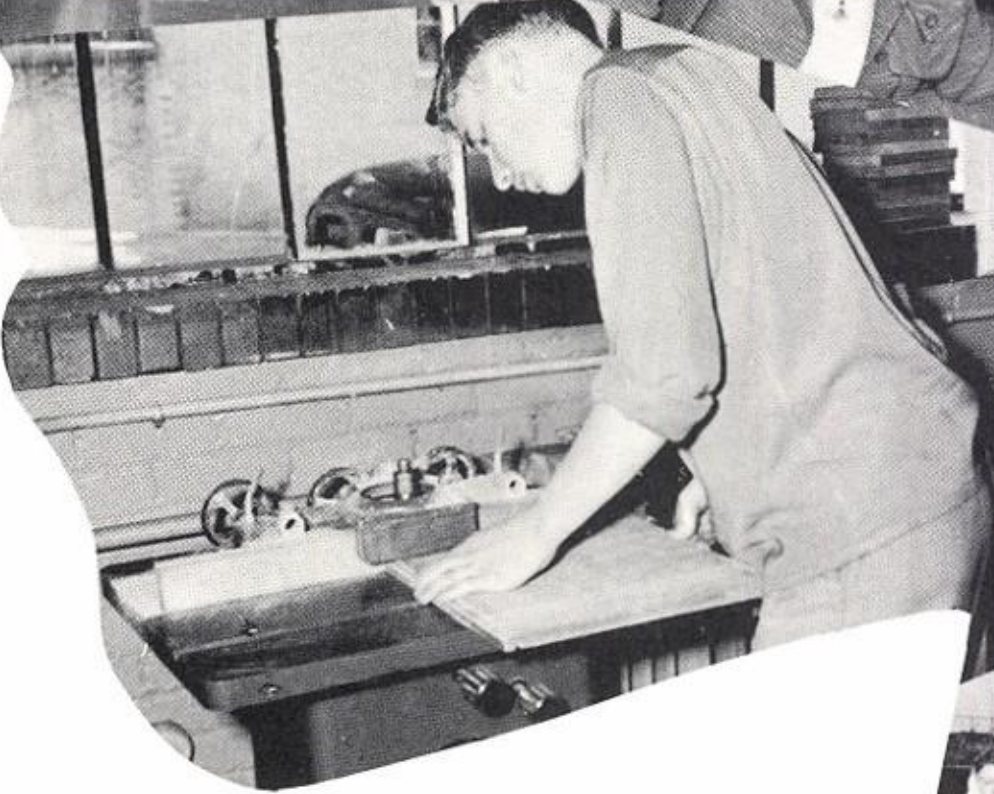
Give unto me, made lowly wise,
The spirit of self-sacrifice;
The confidence of reason give;
And in the light of truth thy Bondman let me live!
—William Wordsworth—



SEATED—M. Anderson, Jr. High History and English. STANDING—M. M. Feyereisen, Expression; E. Pakola, Commercial; M. Grabek Home Ec.



SEATED—K. Korgen, Jr. High Mathematics; K. Kemp, Art. STANDING—E. Halonen, Jr. High Science; W. Hogan, Jr. High English and History; L. Erchul, Industrial Arts.





CLASSES



SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

As enthusiastic Sophomores in the year 1951 we looked eagerly forward to our first year in the senior high school of G.H.S. At first we were a noisy bunch. Echoes filled the corridors as we passed to classes. However, soon the novelty of being senior high students wore off and we resolved ourselves into a year of studious application. We sponsored a Thanksgiving dance this year and undertook the selling of pompons and booster pins for the tournaments as two additional means of building up our treasury.

In our junior year, things really started to get in swing. Darlene Kosteliz and Joyce Carroll took their places as the "B" team cheerleaders and Helen Sereno and Annette Stupca became cheerleaders for the "A" team.

Although our junior class play, "Miss Jimmy", proved to be a lot of work we enjoyed presenting it and it was favorably received by the audience. Our treasury soon began to swell from the proceeds of our basketball homecoming which was a great success. Delores Fugina was queen and Lois Gaeloski and Darlene Jofs reigned as princesses of the court. The duchesses honored from our class were Annette Stupca, Helen Sereno, and Donna Lakso.

March 15, 1953 proved to be a memorable day for us. For this was the day we proudly received our long awaited graduation rings. Joyce Carroll held the honor for the smallest ring with a size 4, and James Sandstrom for the largest with a size 11.

With "MARDI GRAS" as our theme the Junior, Senior Prom was the event which climaxed our junior year. The community center was colorfully decorated

with the Mardi Gras spirit of ballons, streamers, and a colored moon. The punch was served from the mouths of two jolly clowns, skillfully constructed and painted by Ellen Aro and Lois Gaeloski. A wishing well occupied the center of the dance floor and a archway decorated with flowers and streamers graced the main entrance to our "MARDI GRAS".

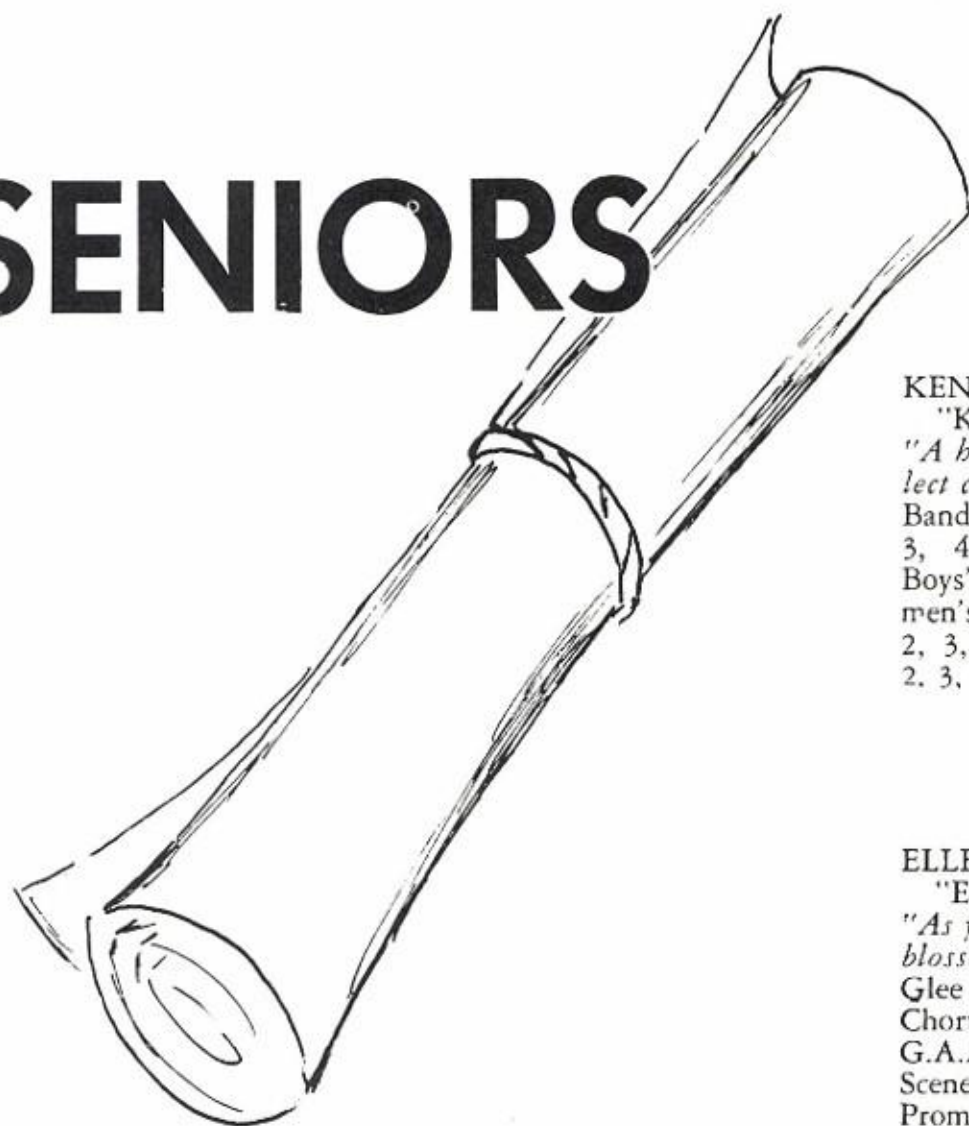
Now our last year and thirty seniors plus one, Nancy Bordeaux a girl from Detroit Michigan, entered the halls of G.H.S. with the zest so typical of our group. Class elections opened the year officially with Sylvester Fumia as our president, James Veronick the vice president, Peggy Mulden the treasurer, Janet Erickson, secretary.

Our football homecoming this year was a great success with a pep meeting, game, bonfire, caravan, and the coronation dance. Her Royal Highness, Annette Stupca, was attended at court by princesses, Carole Stupca and Barbara Kukar, the duchesses were Donna Lakso and Helen Sereno.

Class meetings were soon being held to decide upon the many details for our graduation. Our class motto "We have crossed the bay; the ocean lies before us," and picking our class flower, the red rose was decided upon. We chose silver and rose to be our class colors.

The culmination of our twelve years of study came with the baccalaureate and commencement exercises. In conclusion we express gratitude to our parents, teachers, and all those who have helped and encouraged us during the past twelve years.

SENIORS

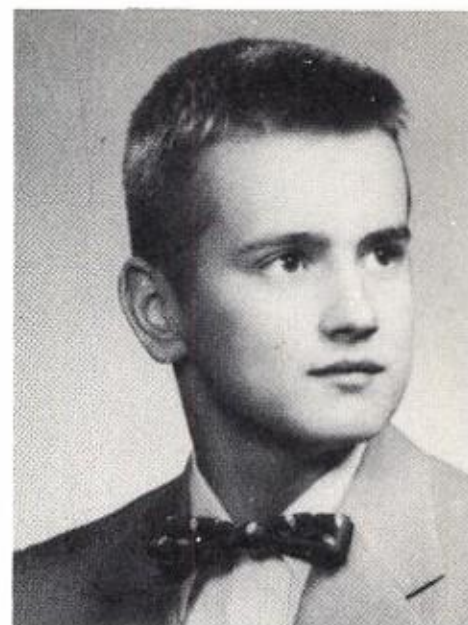


KENNETH AHO

"Kenny"

"A hand that follows intellect can achieve."

Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' Chorus 2; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Double Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Sr. Class Play 4.



ELLEN ARO

"El"

"As frank as rain on cherry blossoms."

Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; 4-H 2; G.A.A. 3, 4; Operetta Scenery 2, 3; Sr. Class Prompter 4; Library Club 4; Minstrel Show Scenery 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; O & B 4; Mikana Staff 4; Pageant 4; N.H.S. 4; Salutatorian 4; Honor Student 2, 3, 4.



NANCY BORDEAUX

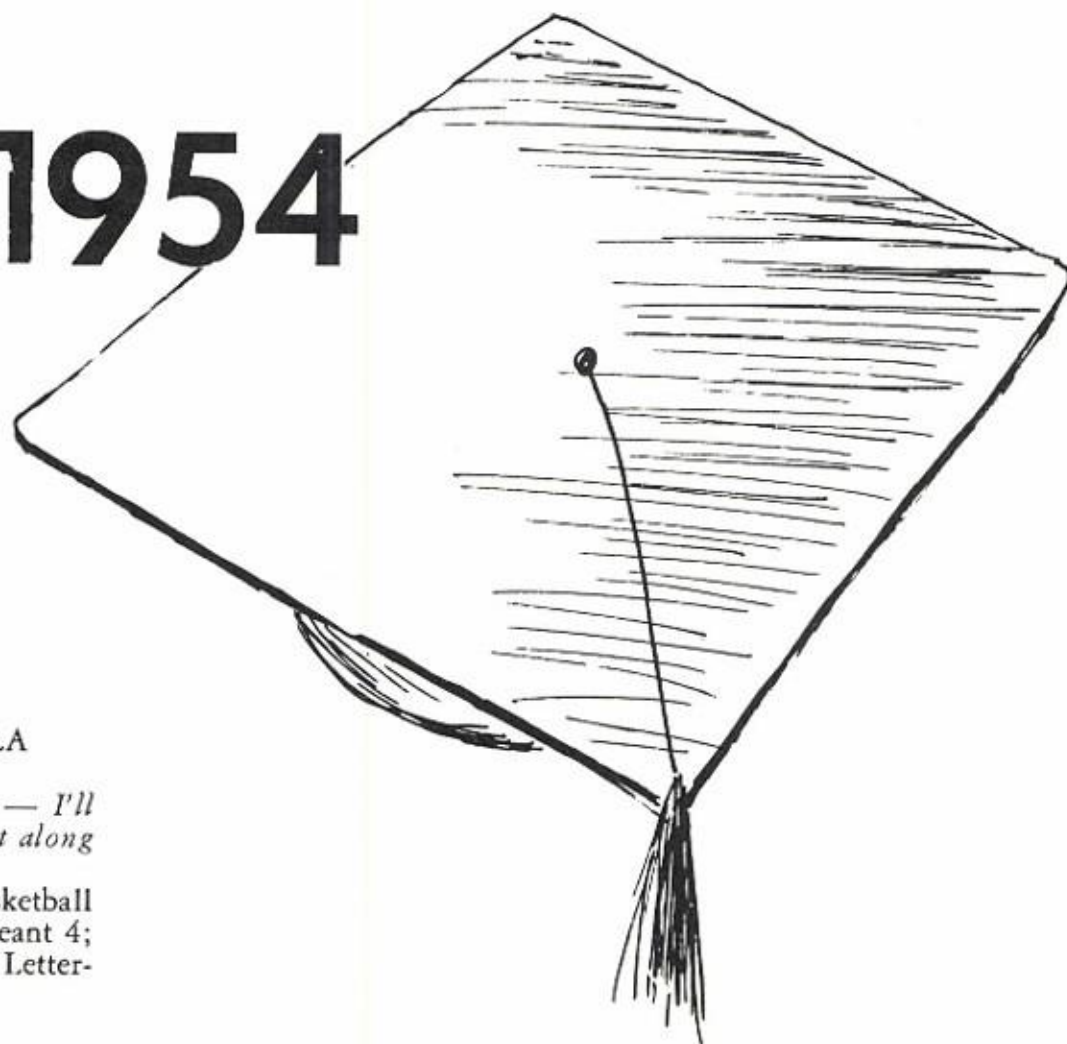
"Bordal"

"It wasn't long ago I first came, But since that time Gilbert's never been the same."

Girls' Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Triple Trio 4; O & B 4; Mikana Staff 4; G.A.A. 4; Dramatics Club 4; Class Play 4; Minstrel 4.



1954



RICHARD BUTALA

"Bugga"

"You go your way — I'll go mine — we'll get along perfectly fine."

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Mgr. 4; Pageant 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4.





ARLENE BYMAN
"Ar"

"Sometimes I sit and think and sometimes I just sit."
Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Jr. Class Play Usher 3; Mimeoscope Club 2.

J. JOYCE CARROLL
"Skinner"

"A rare combination of talent and mischievousness."
Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Double Sextette 2; Cheerleader 3, 4; Triple Trio 3, 4; Operetta 2; Minstrel Show 4; Jr. Class Play 3; O & B 2, 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Declamation 2, 3, 4; State 2; G.A.A. 2, 4; 4-H 2, 3, Sec. 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Pres. 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; Mikana Staff 4; Pageant 4; Photo Club 2; V.O.D. 4; N.H.S. 4; Honor Student 2, 3, 4.



BEVERLEY CURNOW
"Bev"

"Friendly ever, always kind, a girl whom one is glad to find."
Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Mimeoscope Club 2; O & B 3; Jr. Class Play Usher 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Sr. Class Play Usher 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4.



THOMAS DRESHAR
"Dresh"

"Give him the facts and he'll tell you the reason."
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Football 2, 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Audio Visual 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Operetta 2; Minstrel Show 2; Hy-dramaticers 4; Pageant 4; F.B. H.C. Announcer 4.



JANET ERICKSON
"Jan"

"S stands for studious, as there can be no doubt from my example."
Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; 4-H 2; G.A.A. 2, 3; O & B 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; Operetta Scenery 2; Class Secretary 4; Mikana Co-editor 4; Sr. Class Play Student Director 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4; Pageant 4; Declamation 4; Valedictorian 4; N.H.S. 4; Honor Student 2, 3, 4; Minstrel Show Scenery 4.

SHIRLEY ERICKSON
"Shirl"

"A blush is beautiful, but often inconvenient."
Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 3, 4; Brass Ensemble 3; Triple Trio 4; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; O & B 3, 4; Minstrel Show 4; Jr. Class Play Prompter 3; 4-H 2; Sr. Class Play Prompter 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Operetta Scenery 2; F.B. H.C. At'nt. 3; B.B. H.C. At'nt. 2, 4; Audio Visual Club 3, 4; Photo Club 2.





SYLVESTER FUMIA

"Carmen"

"Hannibal was a great man in his day — So am I in mine."

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Class President 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3; Hy-dramaticers 4; O & B 4; Mikana Staff 4; Jr. Class Play Mgr. 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Operetta 2; Minstrel Show 4.

LOIS GAELOSKI

"Lo"

"Ready for anything you ask; be it fun or be it a task."

G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 4; Hy-Dramaticers 4; O & B 4; Mikana Staff 4; 4-H 2; Operetta Scenery 2; Jr. Class Play 3; B.B. H.C. At'nt. 2, 3; Photo Club 2; Mimeoscope Club 3.



JACK HEIKKINEN

"Yako"

"Motors — machines — mechanics! He knows all their tricks."

Band 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' Chorus 2.
Football 2, 3, 4,



THOMAS INDIHAR

"Zeke"

"O, Young Lochinvar is come out of the west, Through all the wide Border his steed was the best."

Football 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' Chorus 2; Jr. Class Play Mgrs. 3; Sr. Class Play Mgr. 4; Lettermen's Club 4; Tennis Club 2, 3; Audio Visual 2, 3, 4.



JOHN KERN

"Kerny"

"There is a little bit of bad in every good boy."

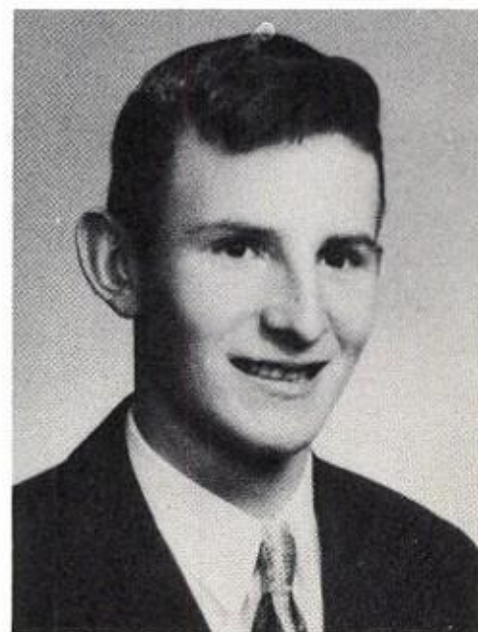
Treasurer 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 4; Tennis 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; O & B 3; Mikana Staff 4; Pageant 4; Jr. Class Play Mgr. 3; Operetta 2; Sr. Class Play Mgr. 4.

EDWARD KODUNCE

"Eddy"

"A little bluffing now and then is done by the best of men."

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Lettermen's Club 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' State 3; Brass Ensemble 2, 3; Operetta 2; Sr. Class Play 4.





D. DARLENE KOSTELIZ

"Dar"

"Her scholarship is high—so is our estimate of her."
Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; Girls' State 3; Best Citizen 1; Jr. Class Play 3; F.B. H.C. At'nt. 2; Sr. Class Play 4; Cheerleader 3; O & B 2, 3, 4, 3 Asst. Editor, 4 Editor; Mikana Co-Editor 4; Pageant 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 3; G.A.A. 2, 3; 4-H 2, 3, Pres. 3; Dramatic Club Treas. 4; Photo Club 2; Declamation 2, 3, 4; Mimeoscope Club 3; Press Club 2; Library Club 2; V.O.D. 4; Salutatorian 4; N.H.S. 4; Honor Student 2, 3, 4.

DONNA LAKSO

"Don"

"Happy I am with heart carefree, Oh! why can't the rest of you be like me?"
4-H Pres. 2; G.A.A. 2, 4, Treas. 4; Class President 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Double Sextette 2; Triple Trio 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2; Jr. Class Play 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 2, 3, 4; O & B 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; F.B. H.C. At'nt. 2, 4; B.B. H.C. At'nt. 3; Mikana Staff 4; Minstrel Show 4.



LOIS LAUKKONEN

"Lo"

"Not quiet, not loud, not short, nor tall, But a pleasant mingling of them all."
O & B 3; Girls' Glee Club 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 3, 4; Jr. Class Play Usher 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Sr. Class Play Usher 4; Mikana Staff 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Mimeoscope Club 3, 4.



DAVID LOPP

"Dav"

"When I speak, if at all, My speech is as short as I am tall."
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Tennis 3, 4; Pageant 4; Jr. Class Play Mgr. 3; Hy-dramaticers 4; Sr. Class Play 4; Lettermen's club 3, 4.



DENNIS MICHELETTI

"Mick"

"Sometimes he's sad, sometimes he's glad, even mischievous, But never bad."
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Mgr. 3; Tennis 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Student Council 2.

MARGARET MULDEN

"Peggy"

"Sweet and sincere — year after year."
Student Council 3, 4, Sec. 4; Class Treasurer 2, 4; G.A.A. 2, 4; Treas. 2; Majorette 4; Double Sextette 2; Operetta 2; Triple Trio 3, 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; O & B 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Photo Club 2; Hy-dramaticers 4; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; 4-H Officer 2; Minstrel Show 4.





ROBERT NANTI

"Butch"

"Dark eyes — eternal soul of pride."

Football 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Basketball 2, 3; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Pageant 4; Sr. Class Play Stage Mgr. 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Boys' Chorus 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Hy-dramaticers 4.

BETTY NOVAK

"Bets"

"A trusty friend to those who know her well. Her friendship is worth more than words can tell."

Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Photo Club 2; Mikana Staff 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3; Pep Band 4; Minstrel Show 4; 4-H 2, 3.



RUSSELL PALSO

"Russ"

"His friends, there are many, his foes, are there any?"

Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball Mgr. 4; Lettermen's Club 3, 4, Sec. Treas. 4; Minstrel Show 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Sr. Class Play 4; Tennis 3, 4; Audio Visual Club 4; Operetta 2; Best Citizen 1; Honor Student 2, 3, 4.



RICHARD POTOCHNIK

"Potts"

"I never let my studies interfere with my education."

Band 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2; Boys' Chorus 2; Operetta 2; B.B. H.C. Announcer 3; Mikana Staff 4.



ELAINE SAARI

"Sarkie"

"A friend worth having, worth knowing, and worth keeping."

Class Secretary 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Brass Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Pep Band 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio 4; Minstrel Show 4; Hy-dramaticers 4; O & B 2, 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Declamation 3, 4; V.O.D. 4; G.A.A. 2; 4-H 2; Sr. Class Play 4; N.H.S. 4; Honor Student 2, 3, 4.

JAMES SANDSTROM

"Jim"

"Red is for danger that lurks in the dark; Here we have it, all but the spark."

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Operetta 2; Sr. Class Play 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Pageant 4; Student Council 2; Tennis 2; Hy-dramaticers 4.





HELEN SERENO
"Tillie"

"It's a friendly heart that has plenty of friends."
Girls' Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Triple Trio 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Trombone Trio 2, 3; Brass Ensemble 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; G.A.A. 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Tennis Club 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President 2; B.B. H.C. At'nt. 3, 4; F.B. H.C. At'nt. 3, 4; Operetta 2; Minstrel Show 4; Photo Club 2.

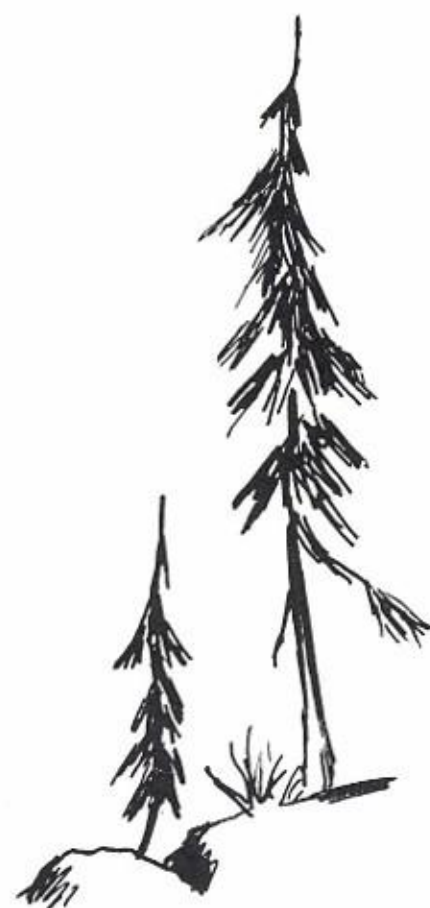
ANNETTE STUPCA
"Susie"

"Give crowns and pounds and guineas, but not your heart away."
Girls' Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 2, 4; Triple Trio 4; Audio Visual Club 2, 3; B.B. H.C. At'nt. 3, 4; Football Queen 4; Student Council Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Dramatic Club 3; Cheerleader 3, 4; O & B 3; Mikana Staff 4; Tennis Club 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, 3, 4; Jr. Class Play 3.



JAMES VERONICK
"Jim"

"His virtues he has so mingled with his crimes, As would confound their choice to punish one and not reward the other."
Football 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Quartet 3; Operetta 2; Minstrel Show 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Tennis 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Mikana Staff 4; Audio Visual 2, 3, 4.





Tommy D.



Peggy



Shirley



Jackie



Darlene



Bob



Janet

BABY DAZE



Jimmy V.



Lois L.



Dennis



Nancy



Russell



Donna



Sylvester



Beverley



Lois G.



David



Joyce



Betty



Eddie



Elaine



Arlene



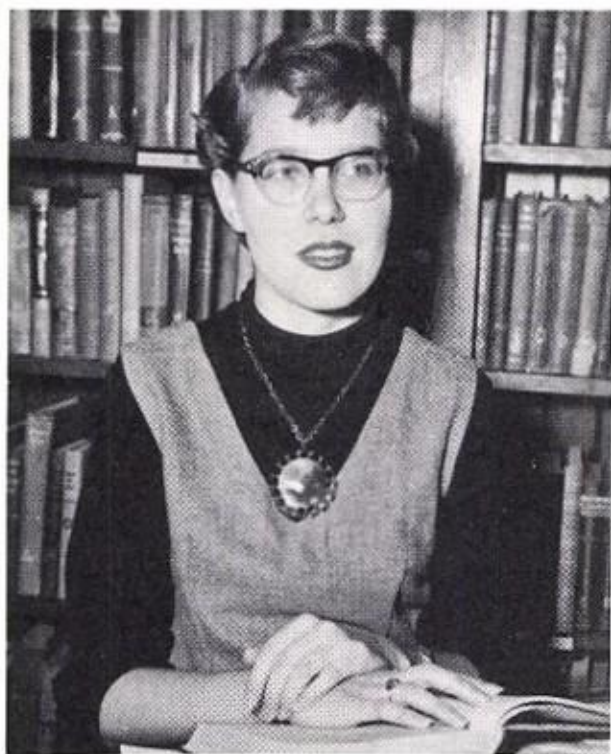
John



Ellen



SALUTATORIAN



Ellen Aro—93.41

VALEDICTORIAN



Janet Erickson—95.41

SALUTATORIAN



Darlene Kosteliz—93.41



FRONT ROW—Ellen Aro, Darlene Kosteliz, Janet Erickson. SECOND ROW—Joyce Carroll, Elaine Saari.

National Honor Society

Honor Students



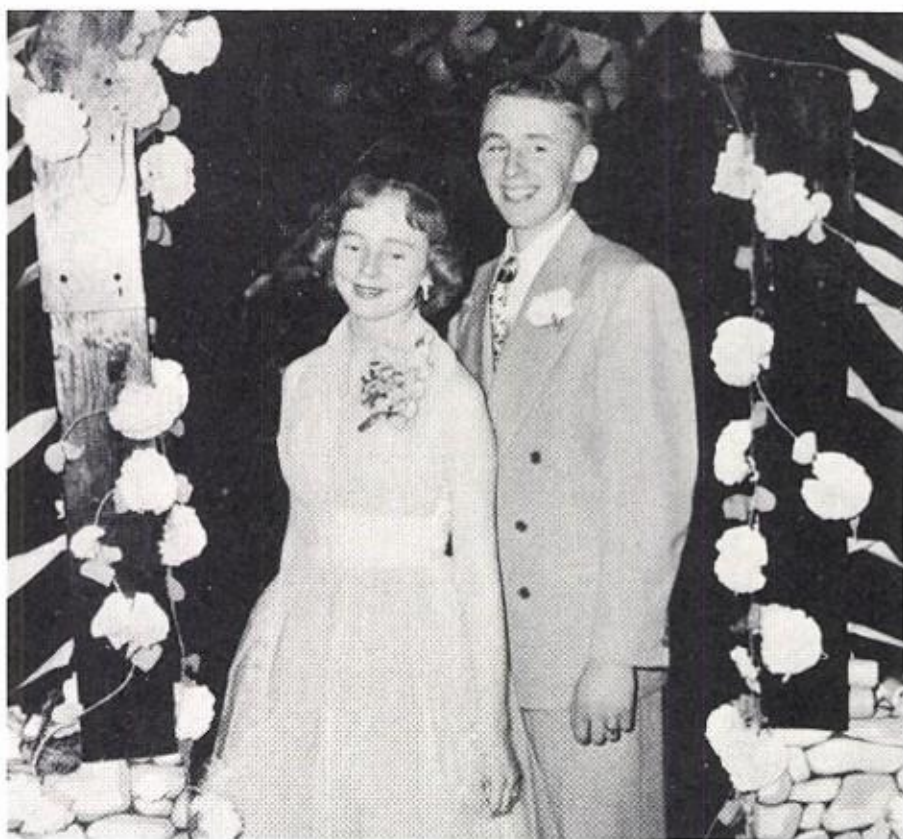
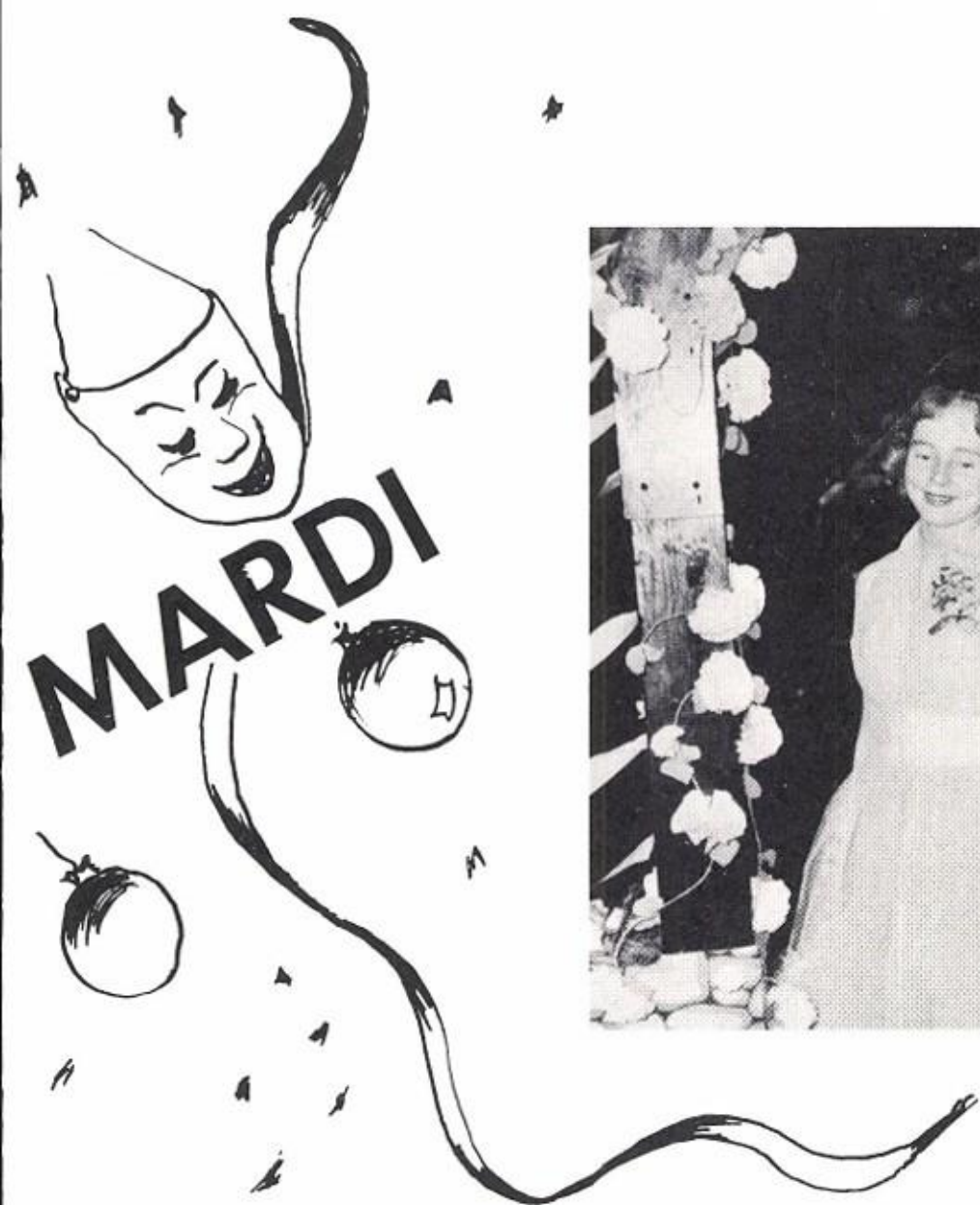
FIRST ROW—Russell Palso, Elaine Saari, Joyce Carroll. SECOND ROW—Darlene Kosteliz, Janet Erickson, Ellen Aro.

I LOVE LUCY



Lucy	Joyce Carroli
Ricky	Thomas Dreshar
Ethel Mertz	Darlene Kosteliz
Fred Mertz	James Sandstrom
Peggy Dawson	Donna Lakso
Arthur Morton	Sylvester Fumia
Miss Whiting	Nancy Bordeaux
Mrs. Littlefield	Elaine Saari
Mr. Littlefield	Russell Palso
Joe	David Lopp
Delivery men	Edward Kodunce
	Kenneth Aho





JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY



SEATED, left to right—B. Kukar, treasurer; J. Lakso, president; D. Jofs, vice president; M. Malkovich, secretary. FIRST ROW—M. Sereno, A. Grippe, D. Brula, S. Jarvis, J. Himmelright, E. Nyquist. SECOND ROW—L. Adams, B. Ambrosch, L. Bronich, R. Botta, J. Heikkinen, R. Kokko, M. Brula. THIRD ROW—R. Mohar, R. Scuffy, M. Ablin, E. Krogstad, D. Plesha, J. Gorsha, A. Wallis, D. Visovatti.

In the fall of 1953, twenty-eight enthusiastic Juniors re-entered the halls of Gilbert High School. Officers were installed at the class election. They were: president, Jack Lakso; vice president, Darlene Jofs; secretary, Marie Malkovich; and treasurer, Barbara Kukar.

The juniors determinedly set out to improve their financial status. They began their junior year with a deficit of \$4.80. On November 9, 1953, they put on a carnival in a gayly decorated gym. Starting in the afternoon, the carnival consisted of many games and prizes. The cakewalk, with prizes being cakes made by the Juniors, proved to be very successful. The sophomore-sponsored shooting gallery also was well liked by everyone. Movies were shown during the day, and in the evening the student council put on a variety show. It consisted of songs, dances, and a pantomime. Refreshments of pop, ice cream, hot dogs, and pop corn were also served during the day and evening. To climax the evening, a beautiful gold horse with a clock embedded in it was raffled off.

On December 18, the Juniors sponsored the fifth annual basketball homecoming. Coronation ceremonies were held at the homecoming dance following

the Eveleth-Gilbert game. Marie Malkovich, with nine attendants, reigned over the festivities.

Also, in December the boys of the junior class went out and used their muscles cutting Christmas trees which were then sold to the school. These trees were placed in the junior and senior high schools and lended each room a Christmas atmosphere.

It was a great day for the juniors when their class rings finally arrived. They claim that their rings are the nicest that any other class ever had. Every ring was kept well polished for the next few weeks.

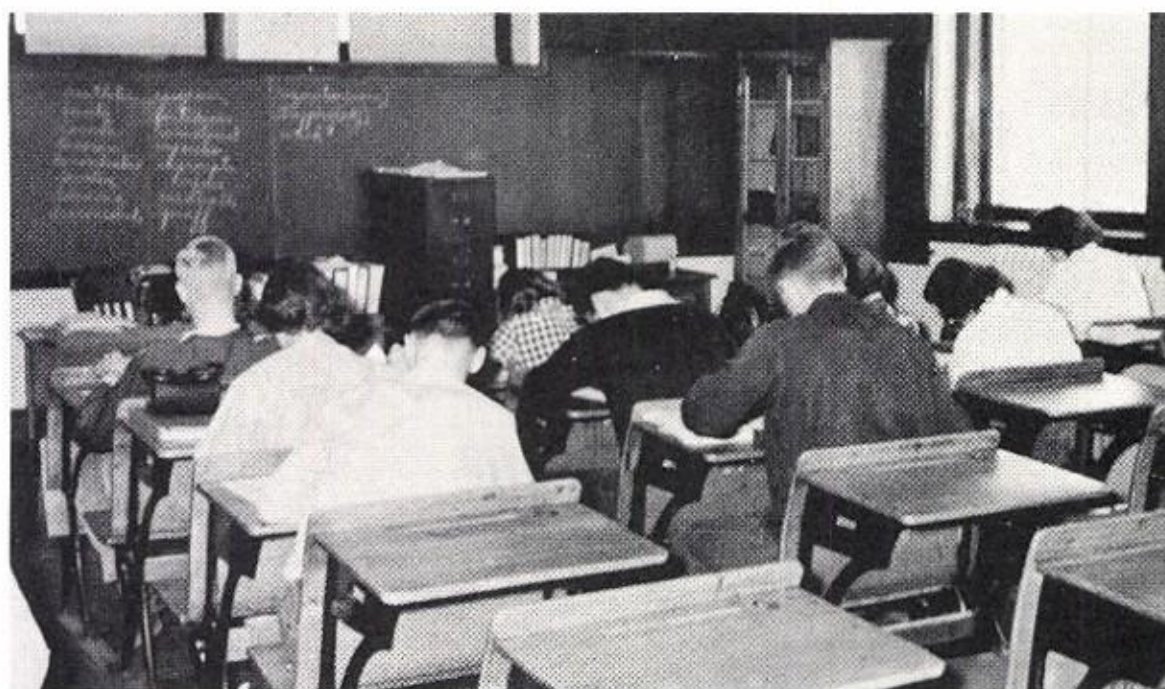
In the spring, the juniors put on the annual Junior Class Play. The cast under the direction of Miss M. M. Feyereisen worked hard for many weeks to put on this play which proved to be very successful.

On May 21, 1954, the Junior-Senior Prom, the big event of the year, was held at the Gilbert Community Center. A gay atmosphere pervaded the building as class president Jack Lakso led the grand march. That night for both Juniors and Seniors will remain as one of the high-lites.

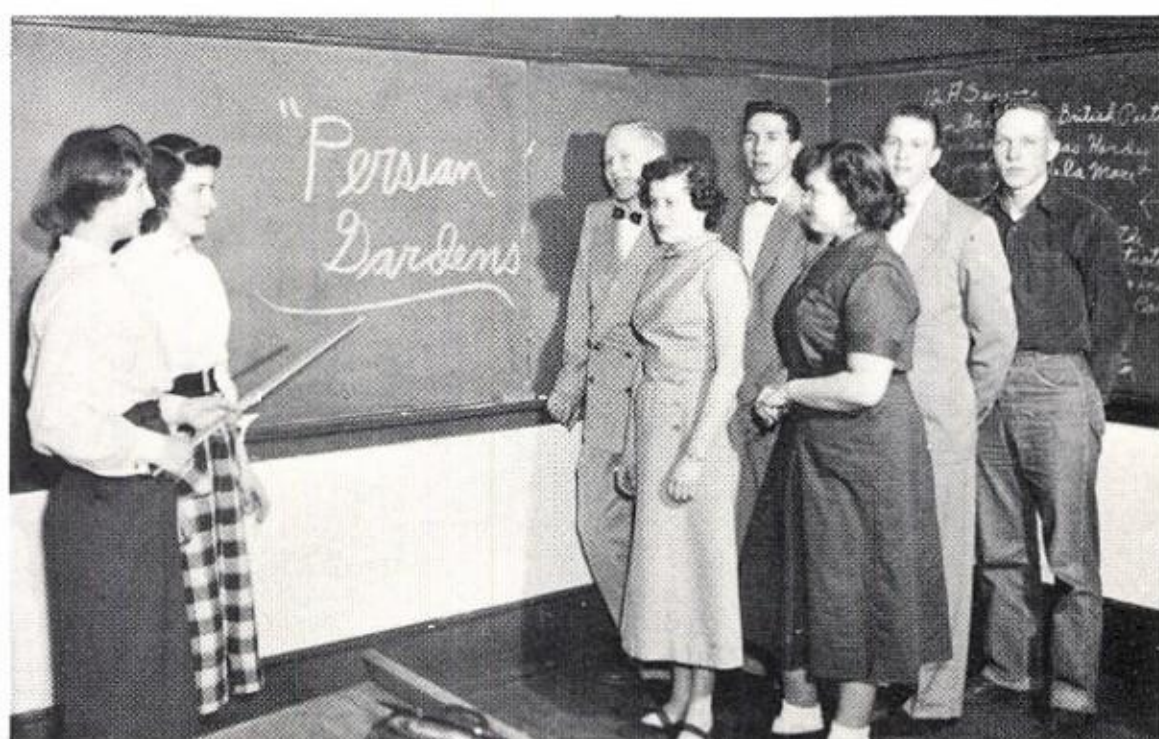
This past year, the "Class of 1955" has proven to be very successful in all of its projects; may they attain as much success in the year and years to come.



Basketball Homecoming Committee



Working hard!



Prom Committee

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY



SEATED—J. Russ, Treas.; B. Mohar, Pres.; E. Keller, Vice Pres.; M. Snyder, Sec. FIRST ROW—R. Jarvinen, M. Dosan, Y. Nelson, B. Sissala, C. Stupca, V. Novak, J. Sorila, M. Thomas, J. Gruden. SECOND ROW—P. Belpedio, G. Maki, R. Ahlin, A. McWilliams, E. Zganjar, B. Jarvela, R. Maki, R. Arko, S. Curnow, J. Krause, J. Puurala. THIRD ROW—F. Larson, E. Kuitunen, N. Wirtanen, E. Potter, D. Majerle, J. Novlan, S. Koskie, P. Malkovich, R. Kostelic, W. Sandstrom, R. Indibar, C. Bodas.

After the usual "chatterbox session" which preceded the opening of the school year, the freshmen of 1952 and 1953 took their first steps into the Senior High School and were instantly transformed into the sophomore class of 1953 and 1954.

To the auditorium they then went to hear the "ring-out-the-old, ring-in-the-new" oration of Mr. Kaczrowski. Soon they began to delve into the red tape of the opening days. Class schedules were organized, homeroom teachers appointed, and books given to the eager, hardworking students of the sophomore class. The 10-A students found their home-room teacher to be Miss Feyereisen; the 10-B class found theirs to be Mr. Anderson.

The newly formed class then set about to electing class officers and Student Council members. The lucky students chosen to govern the class were: Betty Mohar, president; Ellen Keller, vice president; Marlene Snyder, secretary; and Joe Russ, treasurer. Nominated and elected to the Student Council were Betty Sissala, Ellen Keller, Roberta Ahlin, Joe Russ, and Richard Jarvinen.

To increase the volume of their already bursting

coffers, the sophomores set about to the task of selling pins during the football season. They also had a cork gun gallery in the junior's carnival, which popped up by a few dollars the total amount of money in their "Little Fort Knox".

Activities have been given a beating by the tenth graders. Musically inclined students get a chance to shoot their toots in the band, orchestra and in the vocal groups. The girls have been active in the annual queen contests, while the boys let off steam in the Junior Rifle Club and on the basketball court.

Thus far, the trainees of the drivers class have passed their road exams, and received their licenses. This means safer drivers, and an increase in the sales of "Model T's" and "Model A's".

Mr. Anderson and Miss Feyereisen want the sophomore class to be nothing but tops, and with their able advising, the new-comers to the senior high have accomplished a lot.

Seniors were made for great things;
Juniors were made for small.
But no one has yet figured out
Why sophomores were made at all.



WILDCATS, Left to right—D. Majerle, W. Sandstrom, R. Kostelic, P. Malkovich, W. Wirtunen, E. Zganjar, R. Jarvinen, J. Gruden, R. Maki, R. Arko.



DRIVERS TRAINING, Left to right—A. McWilliams, E. Zganjar, D. Brula, S. Jarvis, R. Ablin, S. Koski, W. Wirtunen, C. Bodas, R. Jarvela, J. Russ, R. Kostelic.

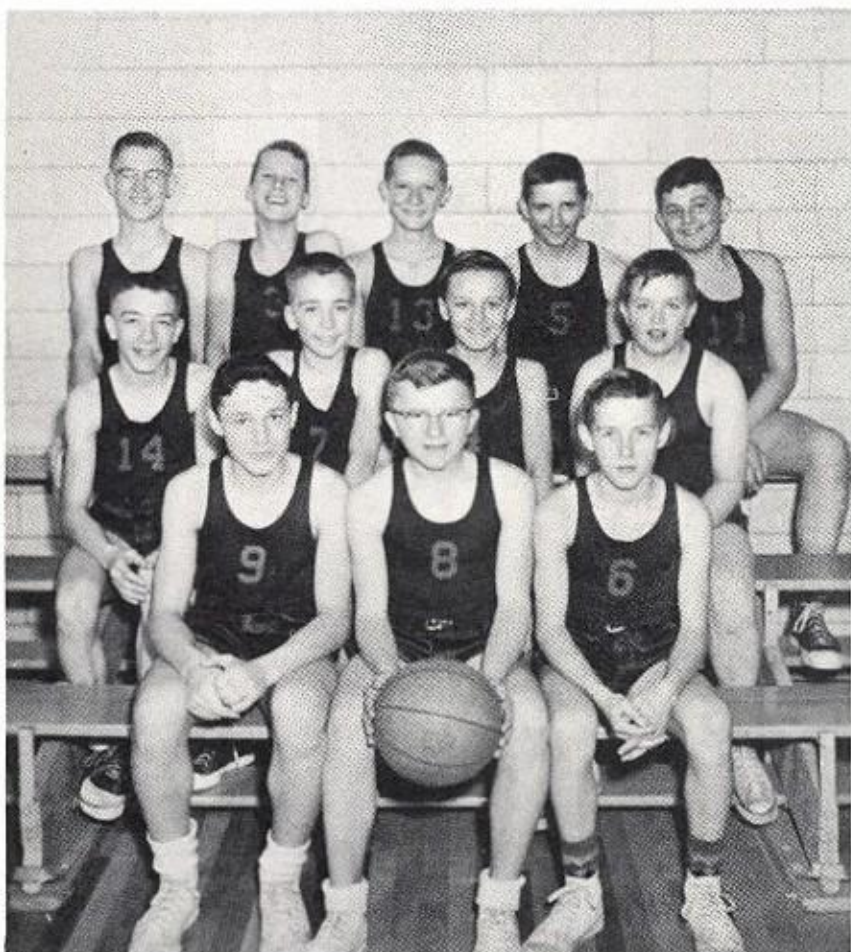


RIFLE CLUB

FRESHMEN CLASS



SEATED, left to right—T. Churchill, treasurer; E. Frillici, president; M. A. Kohn, vice president; N. Lechner, secretary. FIRST ROW—C. Kivela, P. Kocher, C. Dresbar, S. Glatch, J. Hyvonen, K. Himmelright, D. Trunzo, D. Lakso, V. Saari, M. Nikunen, D. Salo, P. Strab, M. Gregorich, K. Nelson. SECOND ROW—W. Snidarich, A. Potocnik, V. Larson, C. Kivela, K. Gentile, M. Heikkinen, W. Botta, A. Koroshec, J. Bozicevick, T. Glatch, K. Holmes, J. Pfarr, C. Moren, J. Rosandich, C. Ojala, J. Wallis, B. Visovatti. THIRD ROW—R. Nelson, R. Moe, D. Press, J. Bodas, J. Gulan, W. Jojs, E. Aro, G. Jacobson, A. Anderson, V. Bajda, M. A. Vukelich, K. Omerisa, J. Skrbec, J. Yaklich, R. M. Yurkovich, F. Maki.

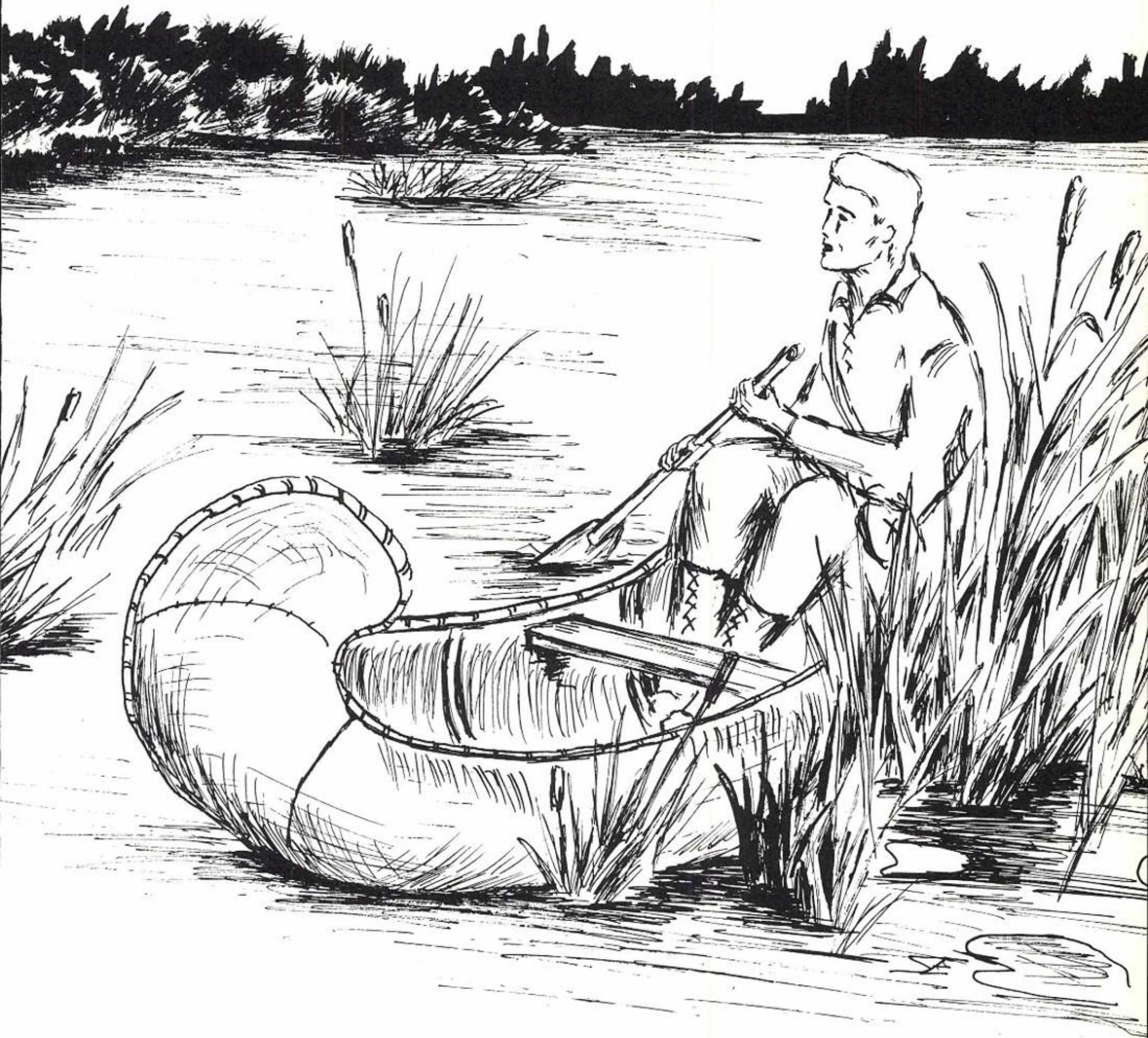


FRONT ROW—G. Jacobson, T. Glatch, J. Velacich. SECOND ROW—W. Botta, R. Halonen, B. Kukar, J. Bozicevick. THIRD ROW—R. Nelson, J. Gulan, J. Bodas, D. Press, R. Kosteliz.



LEFT TO RIGHT—R. Nelson, treasurer; T. Churchill, president; M. A. Vukelich, vice president; A. Kohn, secretary. STANDING—J. Plesha, J. Connors, J. A. Arko, S. Paun, N. Keller, B. Kukar, S. Kivela.

ACTIVITIES





MIKANA STAFF



"It's going to be hard work" were the words that we heard when we came to work on this year's MiKana. Since that time we, the staff, have found that truer words were never spoken. Everyone who has helped to make this annual knows of the hard work that must go into it.

First, there is the financial committee who must raise funds so that this book might be financially possible. They spent many long hard hours canvassing the different towns often in the poorest of weather for the much needed money. Without their invaluable aid we couldn't have even begun to work on this book.



STAFF

Co-editors:	D. Kosteliz J. Erickson
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Sports:	J. Carroll N. Bordeaux

The literary committee had to rack their brains for interesting topics to present and state them in a manner that would be appealing to the readers. Articles had to be cut down or enlarged because of space limitations, and at the last minute, articles had to be written about some item that had been forgotten in the rush. No one will ever know or appreciate the hard work that was put into this work.

One of the hardest working groups was the layout committee. Almost every night a light was seen shining in the window of the Mi Kana room and if any one looked in they saw a hardworking group of girls cutting and pasting. The layout committee has perhaps one of the most difficult jobs on the whole book. They must assemble the given material into a semblance of neatness and order. They have to leave enough pace for the literary work, photographs, and art work; so that all are evenly proportioned throughout the volume. They put the entire book together and everything that goes to the publisher passes through their hands. The success or a failure of the book is vested in their hands.



Without the art work our book would be drab and uninteresting; this year we were fortunate to have a fine artist to make our annual more colorful.

Do not forget the poor editors who must make sure that everyone does his job. They must suffer the abuse that comes when something goes wrong. So hats off to the hardworking editors.

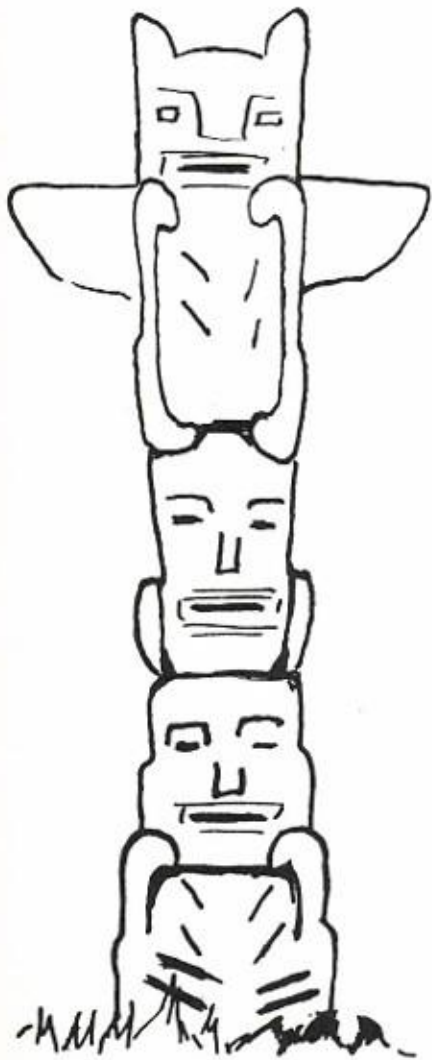
The staff wants to thank each and every one who did any little part of the hard work that went into this edition. The layout committee, literary committee, financial committee, artist, photography committee and all who helped.

Our annual advisor was Mr. John O'Dougherty.

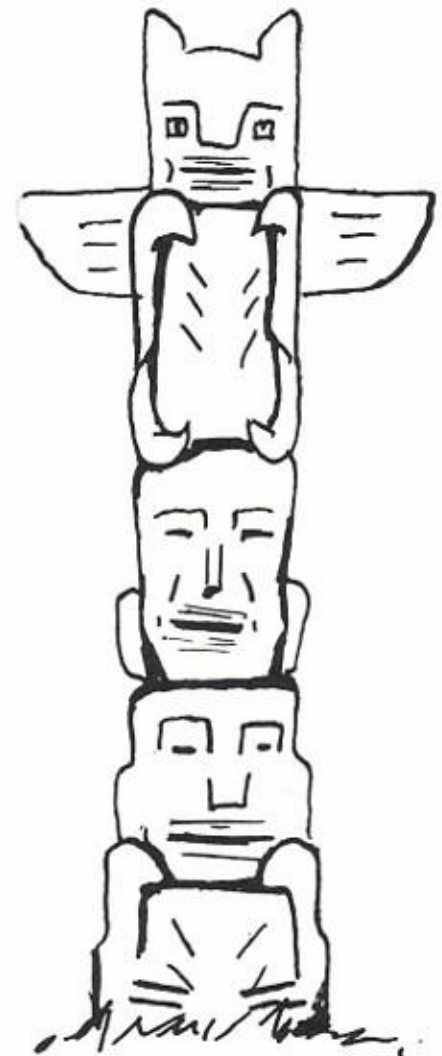
ORANGE and BLACK



SEATED, left to right—E. Pakola, D. Kosteliz, J. Russ. STANDING—L. Gaeloski, S. Fumia, J. Erickson, E. Aro, N. Bordeaux, J. Carroll, P. Mulden, E. Saari, S. Erickson, B. Novak.



FIRST ROW—S. Erickson, E. Saari, J. Russ, J. Carroll, S. Jarvis, S. Fumia, J. Erickson, L. Bronich, R. Kokko.





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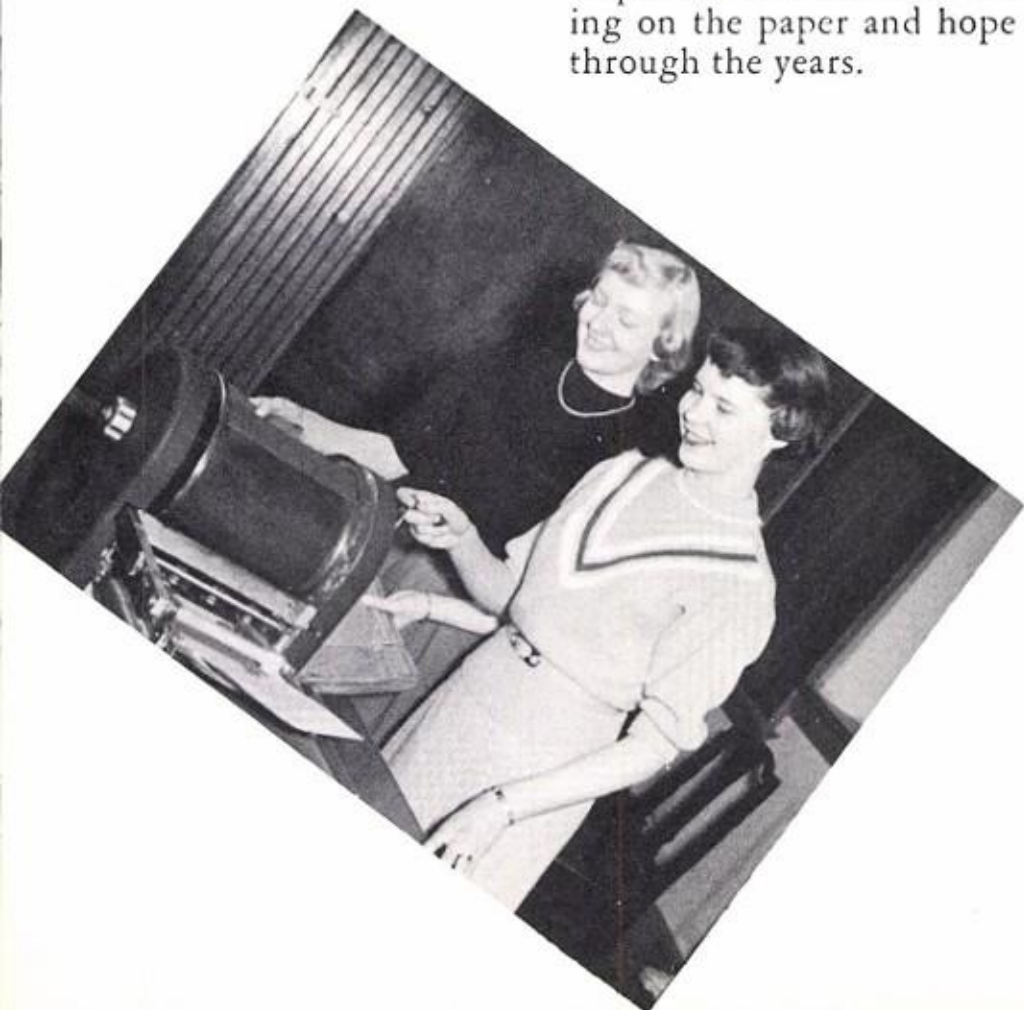


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Advisor	Miss Pakola

One of the major activities in the Gilbert High School this year was the publishing of our monthly paper, the Orange and Black. With Darlene Kosteliz, our able editor, proddin' us on everyone managed to get their articles in and the paper out on time.

The staff will never forget the last minute articles to be typed up, the hurried mimeoscoping and finally the finished mimeographed product being passed out.

We have tried to put out an interesting paper that the students and faculty would enjoy. Under the advisorship of Miss Pakola we have thoroughly enjoyed working on the paper and hope that its success will continue through the years.



HYDRAMATICERS



LEFT TO RIGHT—R. Nanti, J. Sandstrom, D. Kosteliz, D. Lakso, L. Gaeloski, P. Mulden, J. Erickson, E. Saari, J. Carroll, E. Aro, T. Dreshar, J. Kern, S. Fumia, D. Lopp, R. Butala, Miss Feyereisen, advisor.

RALLYETTES



FIRST ROW—S. Erickson, N. Bordeaux, vice president; J. Carroll, president; D. Kosteliz, treasurer; E. Saari. SECOND ROW—J. Heikkinen, R. Kokko, D. Jofs, E. Nyquist, H. Sereno, B. Ambrosch, L. Gaeloski, S. Jarvis. THIRD ROW—D. Brula, P. Mulden, D. Lakso, L. Laukkonen, B. Curnow, A. Byman, D. Novak, M. Malkovich.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SEATED, left to right — Mr. Mehle, M. Malkovich, treasurer; D. Lakso, vice president; P. Mulden, secretary; Mr. Anderson. FIRST ROW — R. Jarvinen, J. Russ, R. Ahlin, B. Sissala, E. Keller, J. Veronick, R. Nanti. SECOND ROW—J. Lakso, R. Mohar, M. Ahlin, J. Gorsha.



The student council was formed at the beginning of this school year. It consists of fifteen members: five from each grade in the senior high school. Students elected to the Council are as follows: Twelfth grade—Annette Stupca, James Veronick, Margaret Mulden, Robert Nanti and Donna Lakso. Eleventh grade—Robert Mohar, Michael Ahlin, James Gorsha and Jack Lakso. Tenth grade—Ellen Keller, Joseph Russ, Richard Jarvinen, Roberta Ahlin and Betty Jane Sissala. The officers of the student council are: Annette Stupca, president; Margaret Mulden, secretary; Donna Lakso, vice president; Marie Malkovich, treasurer; Mr.

Anderson, advisor and Mr. Mehle, faculty representative.

Meetings for the student council were scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month.

Among the projects sponsored and undertaken by the student council this year were the Christmas Ball, the Twirp Season, the social hour, the supervision of the cafeteria, and the collection of money for the March of Dimes. The council also turned over the funds from one of its social hours to the March of Dimes. The group is now working on a handbook which will be issued to high school students at the beginning of the next year.



FIRST ROW, left to right—D. Lakso, treasurer; M. Malkovich, vice president; D. Jofs, president; B. Ambrosch, secretary. SECOND ROW—J. Heikkinen, E. Nyquist, D. Brula, P. Mulden, L. Gaeloski, H. Sereno, J. Carroll, J. Himmelright. THIRD ROW—A. Grippe, B. Kukar, N. Bordeaux, S. Erickson, E. Aro, L. Laukkonen, B. Curnow, A. Byman, R. Botta, L. Adams.

The student council's social hour provided a variety of entertainment for students: volleyball, cards, ping-pong, checkers, and chinese checkers. Social, folk dancing, and square dancing were sponsored twice a month on Fridays. Admission to the social hour was ten cents per head.

The high school student council plans to become a member of the National Association of Student Councils.

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BAND



FIRST ROW—D. Trunzo, S. Paun, J. Skule, A. Koroshec, J. Plesha, B. Kukar, P. Mulden, P. Strah, D. Lakso, J. Sorila, P. Nanti.
 SECOND ROW—R. Arko, R. Halonen, T. Kieren, M. Snyder, A. Grippe, D. Bru'a, D. Lakso, K. Holmes, E. Frillici, J. Wallis.
 THIRD ROW—Mr. Frillici, N. Lechner, M. Malkovich, E. Saari, M. Heikkinen, C. Stupca, B. Mohar, R. Yurkovich, J. Krause, J. Puurala, S. Boyanowski. FOURTH ROW—L. Skrbec, J. Novlan, B. Novak, A. Anderson, R. Ablin, R. Kokko, S. Erickson, B. Sissala, H. Sereno, M. Vukelich. FIFTH ROW—K. Aho, R. Wallis, D. Visovatti, J. Heikkinen, E. Kodunce, J. Lakso, R. Potocnik, J. Gorsha, L. Adams.

This year, both the band and orchestra made a very good showing. Their members have practiced faithfully and the results can be heard in their fine music.

Our band, this year, has played at all of the home games and at several pep meetings. We had the privilege of being the first Gilbert band to perform in our new gymnasium. Two formations were executed by the band during the Homecoming — Dedication game: formed an "E" and then marched into a "G".

Some of the band members formed a pep band and played at the out-of-town games. They also played at a few of the last minute pep meetings. All of the members in this group are girls.

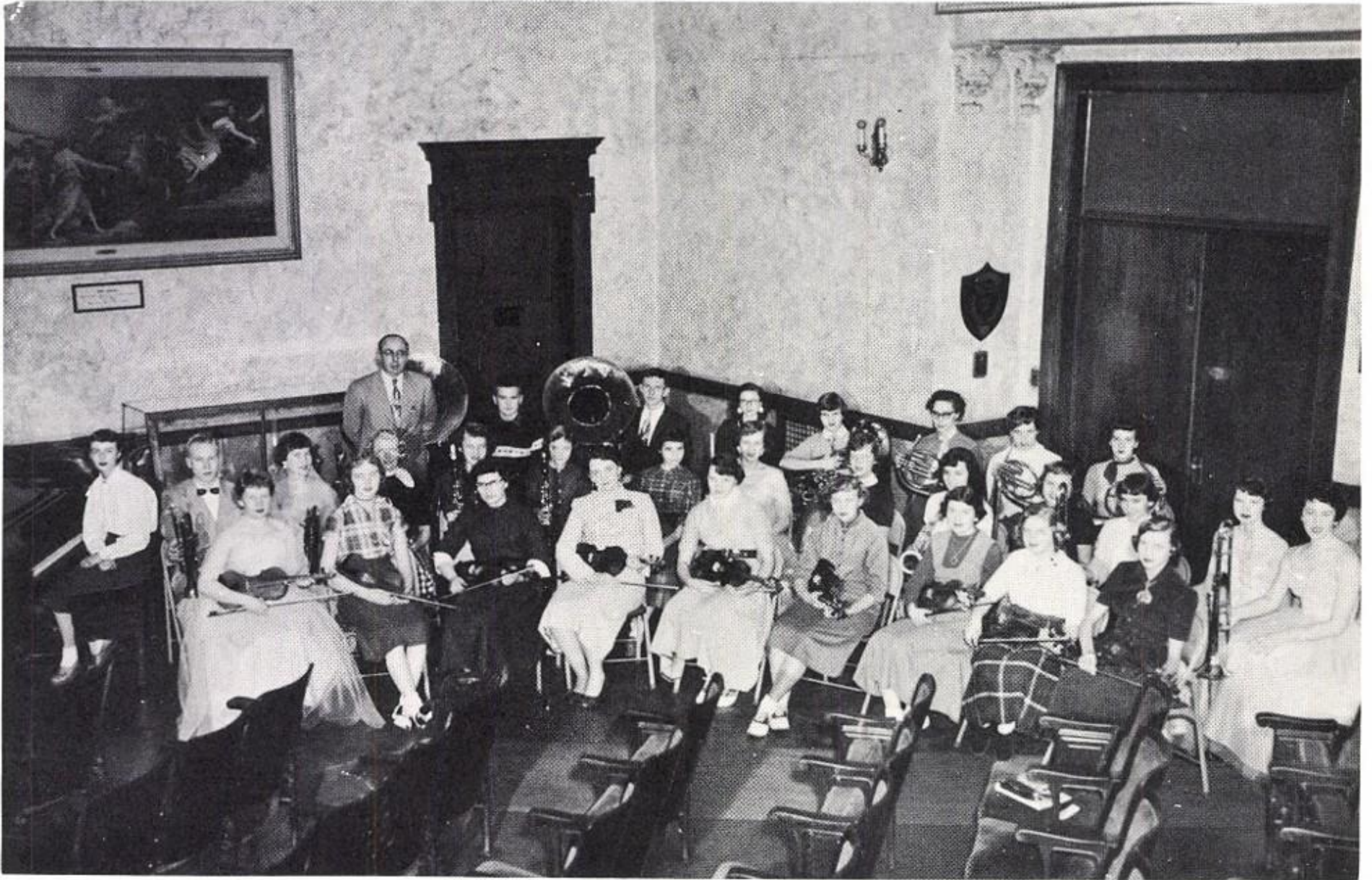
The orchestra entertained between acts of the class plays and also played at the Christmas program. As in the past they will be featured at the graduation exercises.

Through the endless efforts of Mr. Frillici both organizations have gained much recognition throughout this last year.



Mr. Aldo Frillici, Director

ORCHESTRA



FRONT ROW—D. Lakso, M. Mulden, B. Curnow, D. Kosteliz, G. Maki, J. Punnala, M. Snyder, V. Saari, F. Maki. SECOND ROW—E. Frillici, J. Lakso, B. Sissala, E. Saari, R. Kokko, P. Strah, J. Trunzo, M. Malkovich, K. Holmes, J. Plesha, J. Sorala, P. Nanti, S. Erickson, H. Sereno. THIRD ROW—Mr. A. Frillici, K. Aho, E. Kodunec, B. Novak, B. Mohar, J. Novlan, M. Vukelich, A. Grippe.

PEP BAND



PIANIST—E. Frillici



MIXED CHORUS



FIRST ROW—S. Jarvis, D. Lakso, N. Bordeaux, J. Carroll, J. Heikkinen, R. Ablin, E. Saari, D. Brula, E. Keller, B. Novak. SECOND ROW—A. Stupca, M. Snyder, S. Curnow, J. Krause, J. Sorila, M. Thomas, C. Stupca, J. Puurala, M. Dosan, V. Novak. THIRD ROW—E. Nyquist, L. Laukkonen, M. Mulden, B. Curnow, S. Erickson, B. Mohar, R. Botta, D. Jofs, B. Sissala, H. Sereno. FOURTH ROW—A. Byman, J. Erickson, E. Aro, D. Kosteliz, G. Maki, S. Koski, Y. Nelson, L. Adams, M. Malkovich, R. Kokko. FIFTH ROW—R. Nikunen, P. Malkovich, R. Maki, R. Jarvela, J. Russ, R. Jarvinen, J. Gruden, A. McWilliams, E. Zganjar. SIXTH ROW—E. Pottey, E. Kuitunen, P. Belpedio, W. Wirtunen, W. Sandstrom, T. Dreshar, W. Kuitunen, R. Palso, S. Fumia.

TRIPLE TRIO



DIRECTOR—C. Jones.



LEFT TO RIGHT—M. Mulden, J. Carroll, H. Sereno, L. Adams, S. Erickson, E. Saari, N. Bordeaux, D. Lakso.

GIRL'S GLEE CLUB



FIRST ROW—D. Laksø, N. Bordeaux, J. Carroll, B. Ambrosb, H. Sereno, D. Jojs, M. Malkovich, B. Curnow, E. Saari, D. Brula. SECOND ROW—J. Heikkinen, A. Stupca, A. Grippe, S. Jarvis, J. Pfarr, C. Moren, S. Kivela, E. Nyquist, B. Novak. THIRD ROW—M. Sereno, M. Mulden, E. Aro, L. Laukkonen, V. Bajda, R. Kokko, M. Dosan, S. Erickson, R. Botta, L. Bronich. FOURTH ROW—A. Bymän, J. Erickson, J. Novlan, L. Adams.

JR. DOUBLE SEXTETTE



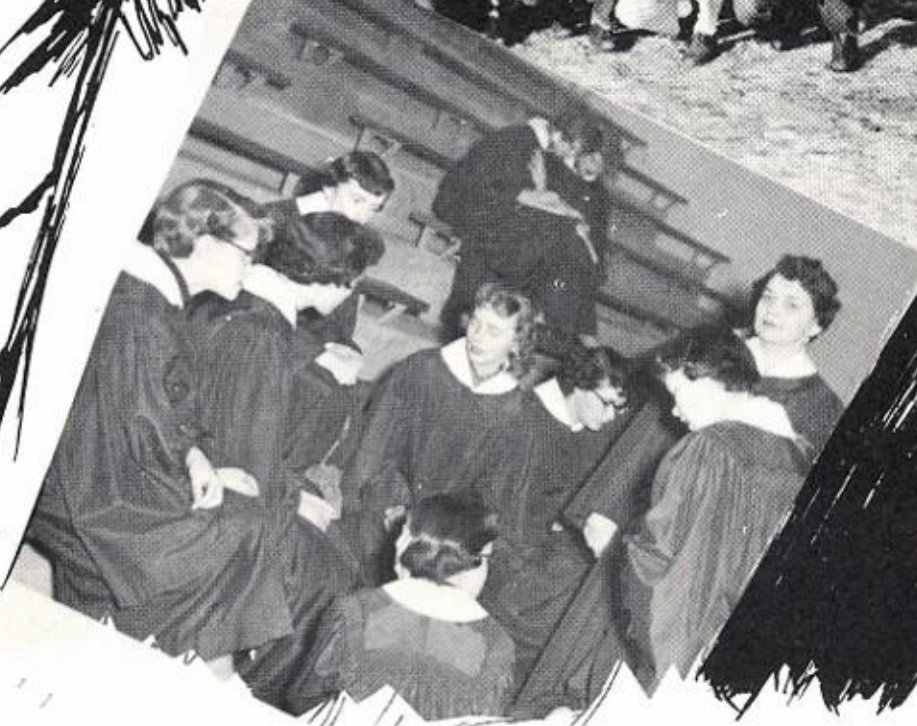
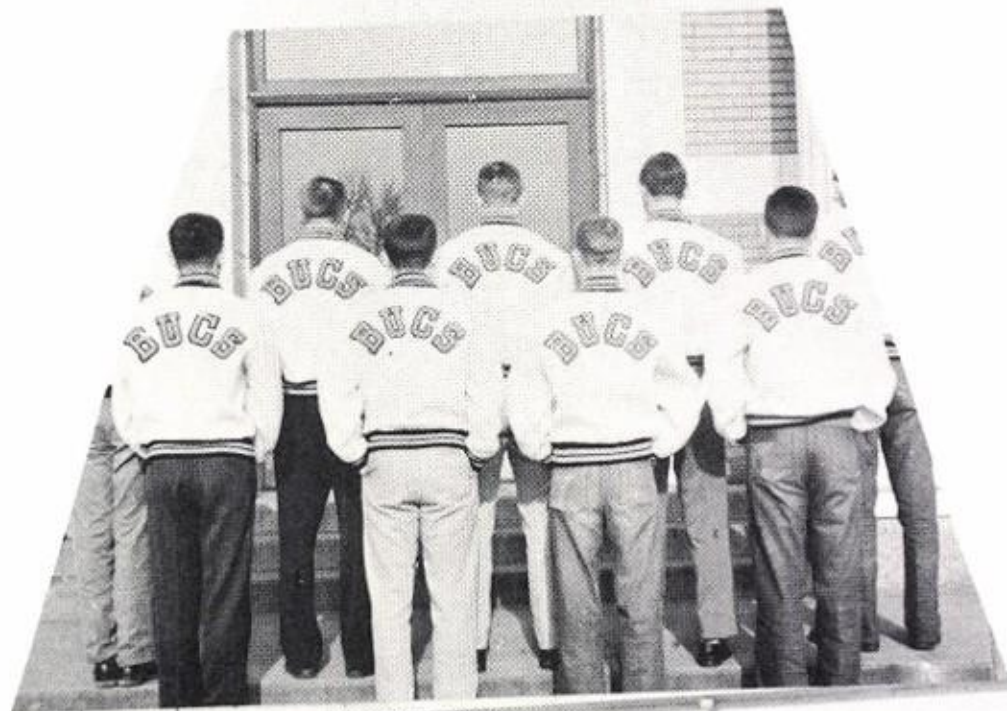
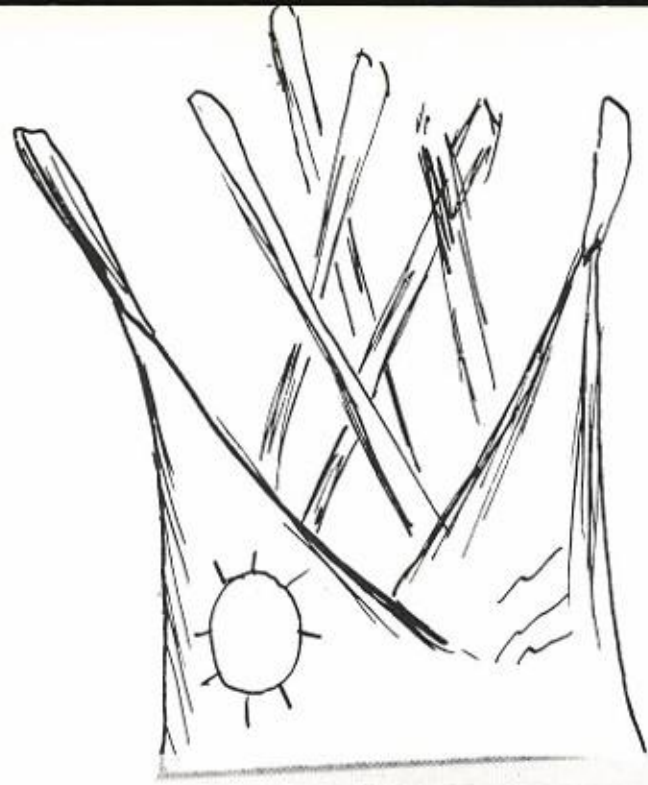
The Mixed Chorus and Girl's Glee Club have provided the music for our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and patriotic programs. They also sang many fine musical selections at the spring concert.

But of course their biggest project this year was putting on the minstrel show "DUSKY CLOUDS". This was one of the very few minstrel shows ever put on in our school and the students had a good time presenting it.

The senior high Triple Trio was one of the most industrious groups this year. They had the opportunity to sing at a number of occasions, such as the Christmas program, the Pot-Luck Supper, Honor Banquet, poster contest and the commencement exercises.

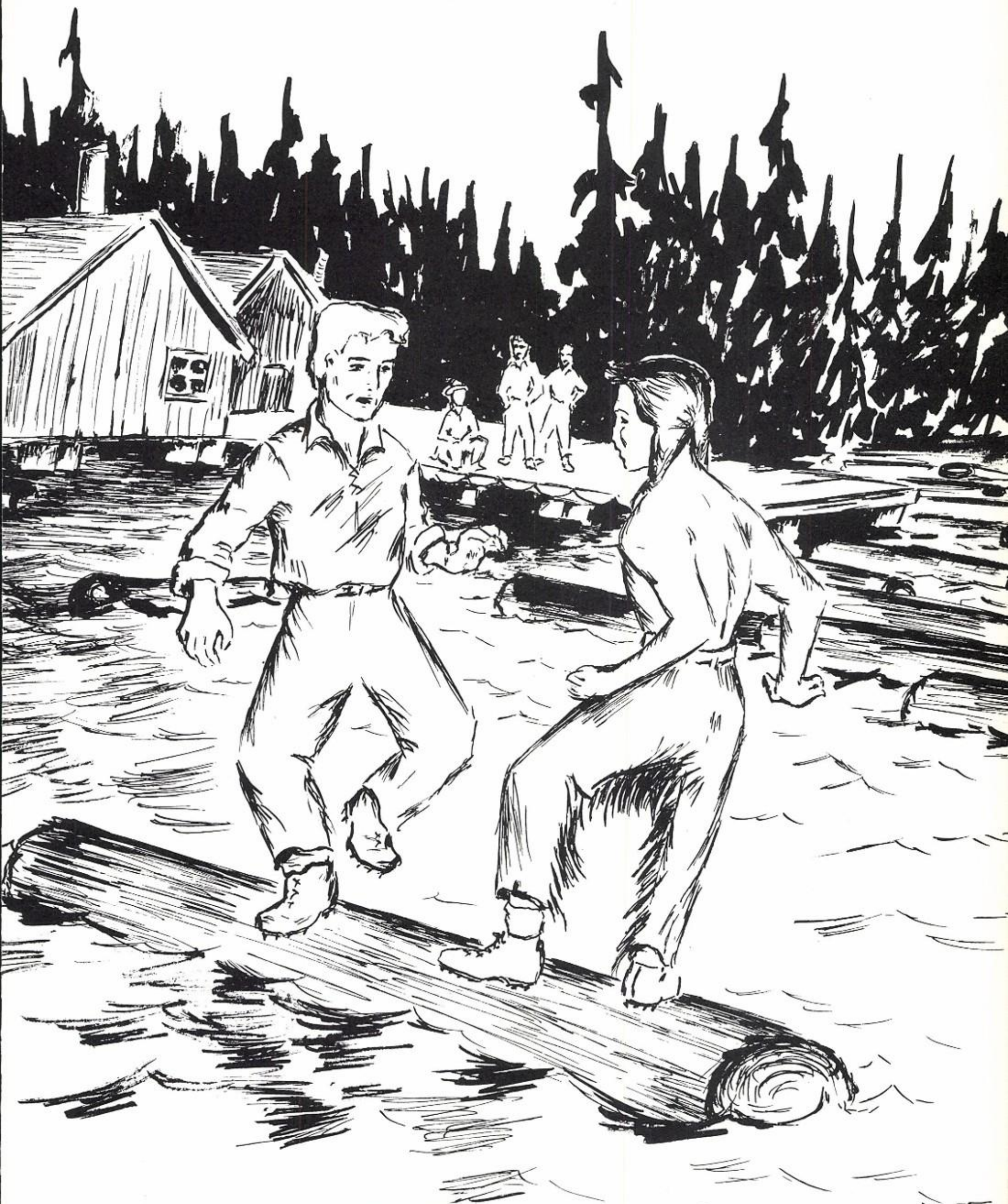
The ninth grade Triple Trio sang Christmas carols in the halls as did the senior girls' Triple Trio. They have been a very active group in helping out on various projects around the school.

A trip was taken to Virginia April 2, where the various vocal groups from all the schools assembled to receive ratings. The final event, the Spring Concert, was held in May under the able direction of Mr. Jones.



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SPORTS

FOOT



The Gilbert High School Buccaneers started off the 1953 football season in low gear by being defeated by the Aurora Blackhawks, 27-0. Though the Buc's play was marked with considerable fumbling they showed their fighting spirit and stiff defense by holding the victory-bound Hawks scoreless in the third quarter. They were, however, unable to stop Aurora's thirteen point deluge which came in the last period of play.

The Bucs suffered their second loss of the season at the hands of the Nashwak Colts in a lopsided tussle. This night game was a rough, tough one sided struggle.

They came closer to victory in the homecoming game against the Tower-Soudan Eagles by holding them to a 6-6 tie. Tower Soudan scored the first touchdown in the remaining 35 seconds of the third quarter. Gilbert's scoring pass from Micheletti to Sandstrom was just 3 minutes before the final gun went off. Both the teams failed the extra point attempt and so ended the homecoming game for 53.

The rampaging Bucs next sank their teeth into the unbeaten Mt. Iron eleven and came up with another tie game. After many trips just short of the goal line the Bucs finally forced themselves into the end zone via a pass from Veronick to Fumia. The team showed fine defensive play in this well-matched struggle.

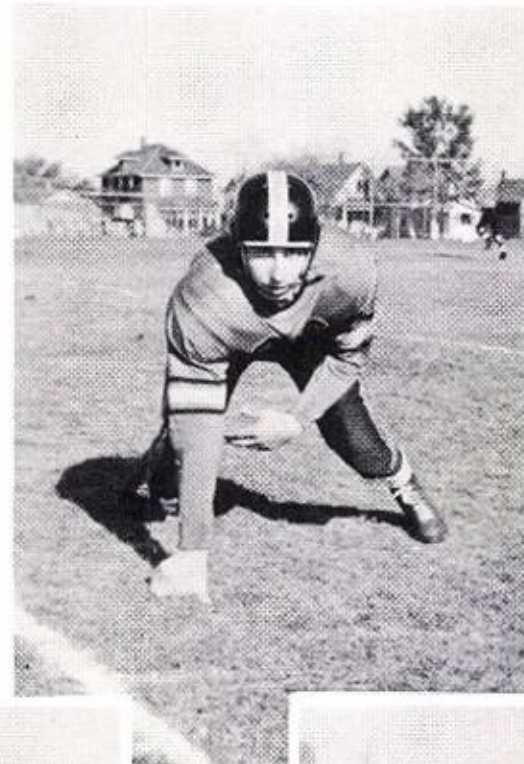
The next threat to the fighting Bucs was the strong Buhl team. The Bulldogs dominated this 26-9 skirmish which was literally "all wet" when it began to rain late in the fourth quarter.



Co-capt Robert Nanti



James Sandstrom



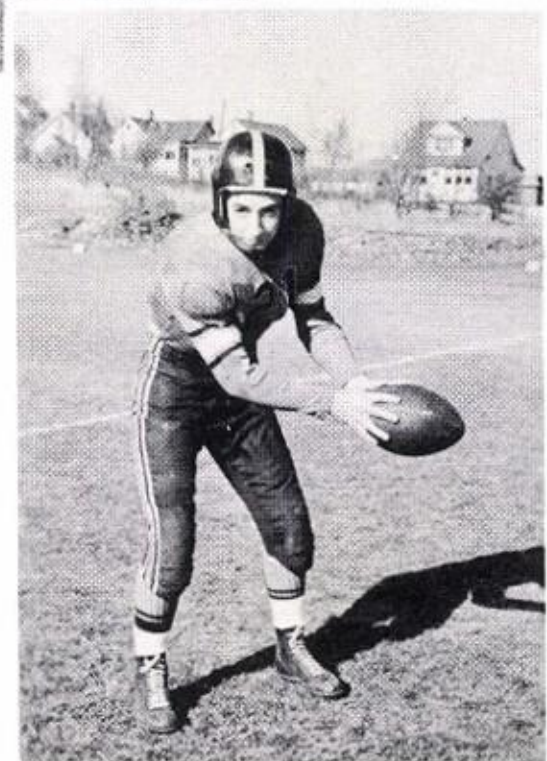
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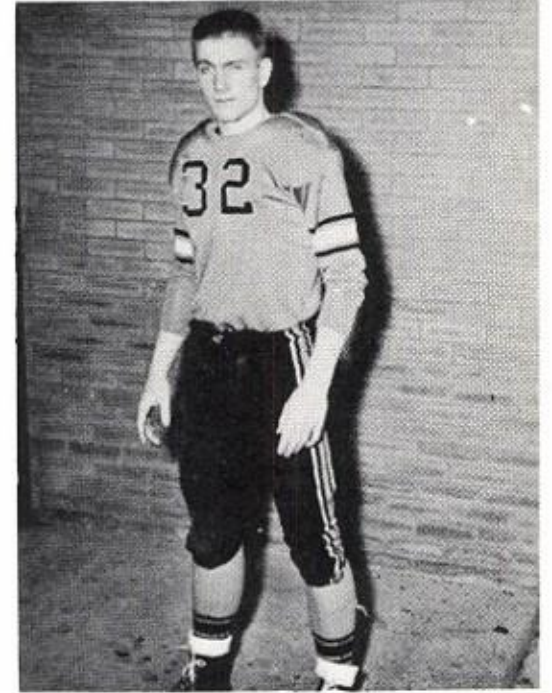
David Lopp

BALL

With their caps set for a victory in the last conference game of the season, the Orange and Black Bucs trekked to Deer River. The "never say die" Gilbert team fought their way to a 32-18 decision and their first win of the season. In order to obtain this victory the Bucs had to penetrate the 18-12 lead that was held by the Warriors at the beginning of the third quarter. Gilbert's T-D's were racked up by Nanti, who scored two, and Micheletti, Sandstrom and Veronick with one a piece. The Buc's passing and blocking in this game proved effective, and was the main reason for their first victory.

The teams record stood as one win, four losses and two ties when they went into the final game of the season, a non-conference with the Grand Marais Vikings. There was no scoring in the first half, but both teams were evenly matched in offense and defense. After the first touchdown was made by Grand Marais the Bucs staged an 83 yard drive and crossed the stripe to tie the ball game at 6-6. Another T-D by the Vikings and another by Gilbert again knotted the score at 12-12. It was an all around even ball game until Grand Marais scored another touchdown which the Bucs were unable to match. The end of the game found Grand Marais in the winning column with a 18-12 victory over the Bucs.

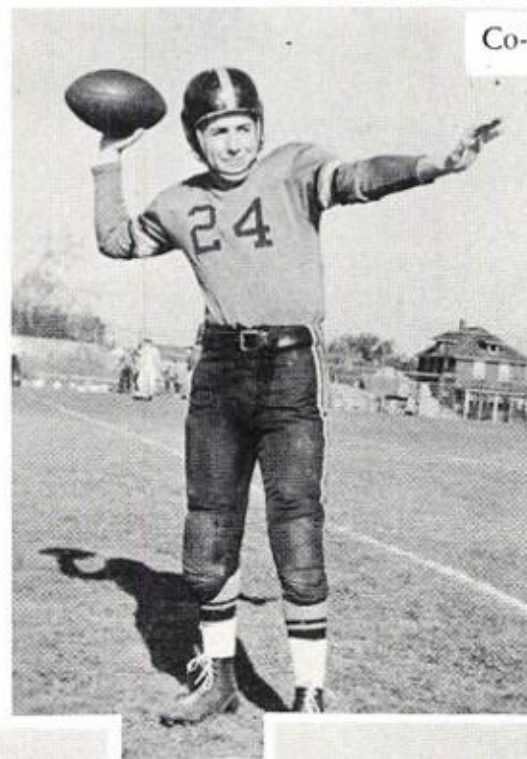
Thus ended the 1953 season of play for the Orange and Black. The laughs, thrills and heartbreaks will remain vivid in our memory as this year's seniors leave the halls of G.H.S. In departure from their alma mater they leave behind a tradition to be upheld by the remaining members of the team. This tradition is their strong fighting spirit, the will to get up and win even though the odds are against them.



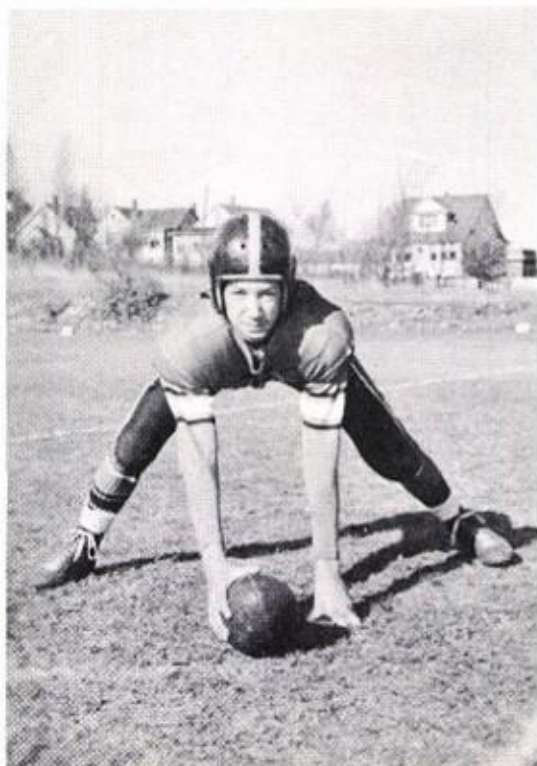
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Russell Palso



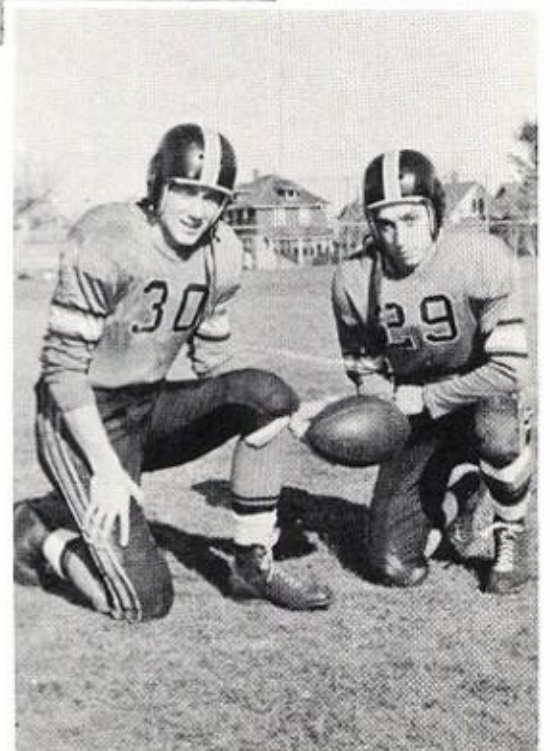
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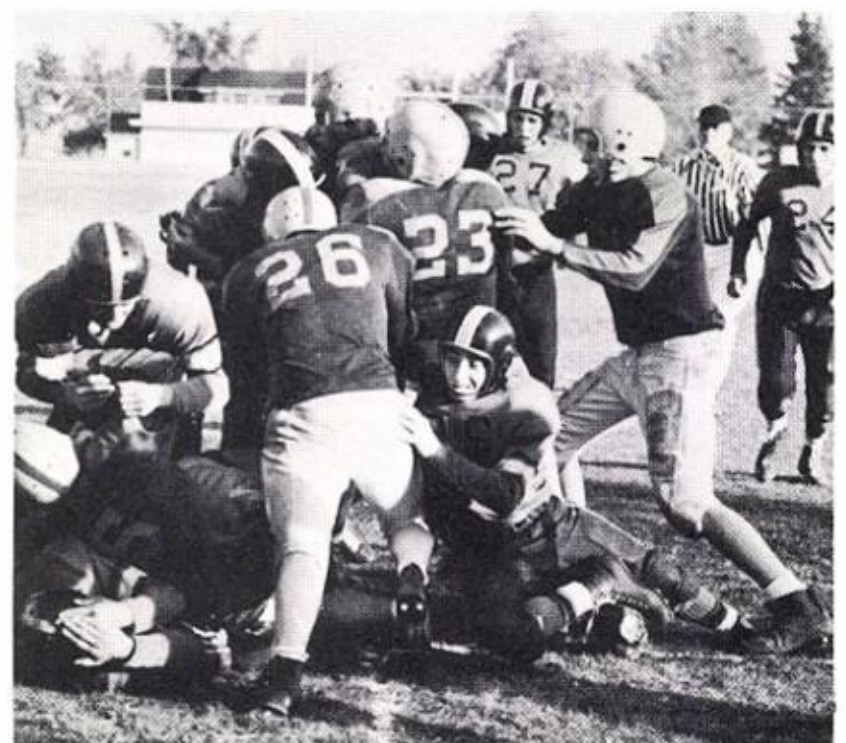


Co-captains Nanti and Veronick

GRIDMEN



FRONT ROW, left to right—S. Fumia, D. Lopp, T. Indibar, J. Heikkinen, J. Veronick, R. Nanti, E. Kodunce, D. Micheletti, R. Palso, R. Butala. SECOND ROW—Coach Kerzie, R. Scuffy, W. Sandstrom, W. Kuitunen, R. Nikunen, P. Belpedio, J. Lakso, M. Ablin, Asst. Coach Mehle, J. Sandstrom. THIRD ROW—E. Potter, J. Bozicevick, Mgrs.; R. Kostelic, E. Zganjar, N. Wirtanen, R. Arko, R. Jarvinen, A. McWilliams, R. Indibar, T. Churchill, Mgr.; K. Aho.



ROYAL COURT



FIRST ROW—S. Curnow, D. Lakso, E. Keller. SECOND ROW—D. Jofs, D. Lopp, R. Butala, S. Fumia, H. Sereno. THIRD ROW—E. Kodunce, C. Stupca, D. Micheletti, R. Nanti, Queen A. Stupca, J. Veronick, R. Palso, B. Kukar, J. Sandstrom.



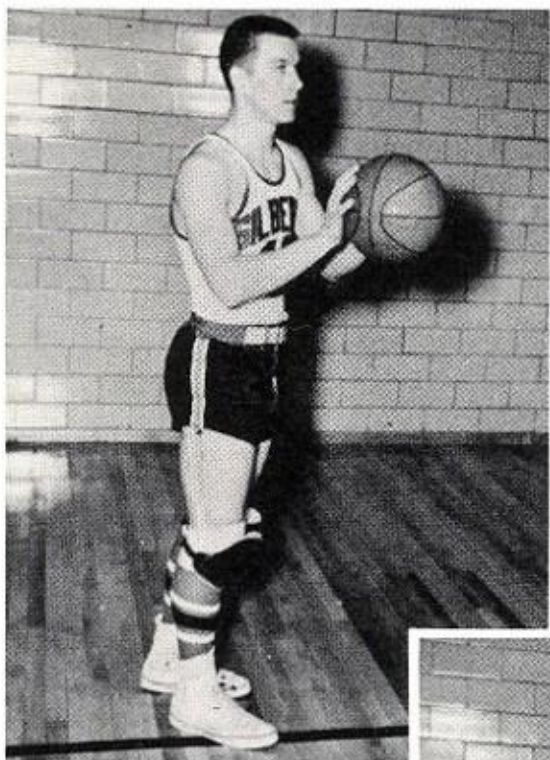
"Ground the Eagles" was chosen as the 1953 football homecoming slogan. Homecoming festivities opened with a pep-fest made up of skits and original readings by the Hy-Dramaticers. A grave yard skit was the main highlight, with the football players participating. Three girls, acting as witches, joined to mix a kettle of everything into a brew, signifying the make-up of our team. At the pep-fest James Veronick announced that Annette Stupca was to be the 1953-1954 football queen. Following the pep meeting a bon-fire and a caravan took place.

The Bucs kept in the shadow of their slogan holding the Tower-Soudan Eagles to a breathtaking 6-6 tie game.

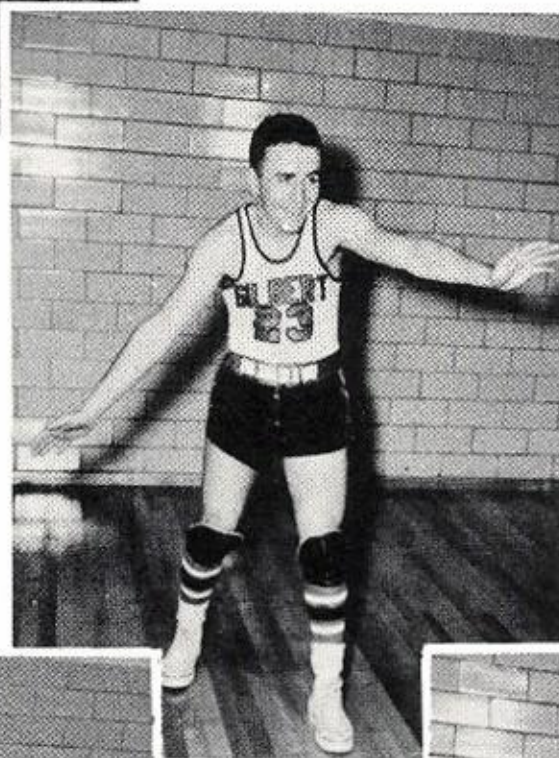
After a few short breathers all the fans gathered at the Community Center to witness the coronation of her majesty by co-captains James Veronick and Robert Nanti. A dance ended the two day celebration, with the Jimmy Michael's orchestra furnishing the music.

The queen's court included — princesses, Barbara Kukar and Carol Stupca; duchesses — Helen Sereno, Donna Lakso, Ellen Keller, and Darlene Jofs.

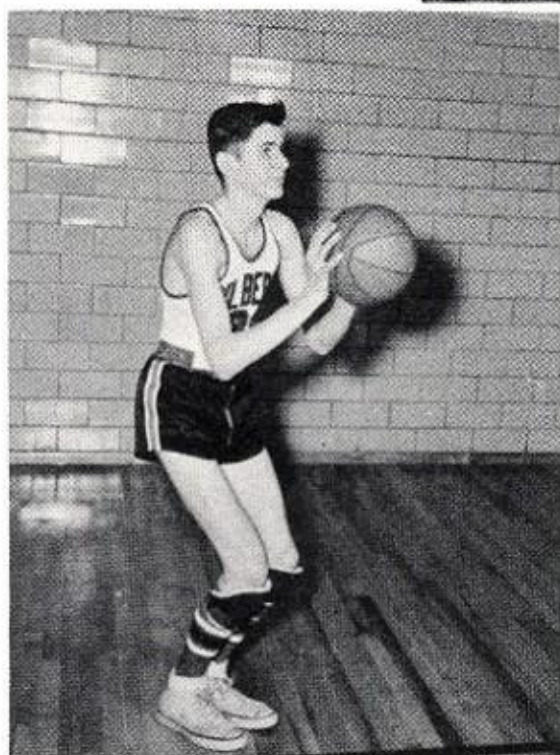
Escorts were James Veronick, Robert Nanti, James Sandstrom, Russell Palso, David Lopp, Edward Kodunce, and Richard Butala.



James Veronick, Forward



Dennis Micheletti, Guard



Donald Plesha, Forward



Robert Mohar, Forward



BASKET



Robert Scuffy, Center

On November 25, the Gilbert Buccaneers donned their basketball togs for their first try of the 1954 season. Buhl rolled up a 14 point lead in the second quarter before the Bucs caught fire and scored 16 points, narrowing the score to 21-18 at half time. Ten of these counters were dropped in by Captain Jim Sandstrom, who hit for 27, the high point man of the game. The Gilbert attack came too late, however, and the Buhl five remained indomitable throughout the game.

In the Gilbert-Biwabik game, the Bucs came through with a decisive, one-sided victory over the Braves. Gilbert held the lead all through the game and out classed Biwabik with their evenly divided scoring column.

With one victory under their belt, the Bucs came close to defeating the highly favored Hibbing team from District 28 in a last quarter come-

back. This thriller was the first game played in Gilbert's new gym. After trailing by ten points they staged their last quarter drive, coming within two points of the Jackets. James Veronick made a basket with but six seconds to go, but he was fouled and the basket did not count. He tallied only one of his two free throw attempts and the game ended 58-57 in Hibbing's favor.

With the advantage of their home court, the Mt. Iron Red Raiders handed the Bucs their first conference loss of the season. Although both teams shot well, the Raiders defeated the Bucs by a score of 62-49.

Of the three games played during the holiday season the Bucs dropped two games; one to Alexandria, 55-48, and one to West St. Paul, 41-40. In

the third game the Buccaneers came through with a 58-50 victory over Sauk Center. The game saw-sawed until Coach Kerzie sent in reserve sophomore, Robert Indihar, who pulled the game out of the fire by scoring 8 points in the final minutes.

The next two games were again chalked up to the Bucs' credit as they defeated both Virginia and Hermantown. In the

Gilbert-Virginia game, the opposition controlled the ball game until there was less than three minutes to go. Then the Bucs went to work and melted down Virginia's 11 point lead in their traditional last quarter style. The score was tied at 45-45 with only a few seconds to go when James Sandstrom netted a shot from mid-court to bring victory to the Bucs.

Gilbert completely out-did the Hermantown Hawks in a 67-33 game. Red hot Micheletti scored 22 for the winners.

The Bucs came up with their fourth straight win by trouncing Cook's Little Gophers, 58-42, but tasted defeat in their next two games at the hands of Tower and Cloquet.

Two free throws brought the Eagles a 60-58 victory over the Bucs after a close last quarter. The Gilbert-Cloquet game was a one sided victory for the Lumberjacks.

Gilbert dropped the next two games to Ely and Esko. In the Ely game a fourth quarter rally narrowed the final score to 66-65. Esko handed the Bucs their eighth loss of the season when they defeated the Kerzie five 60-46 in a non-conference game played at the U.M.D. field house.

A superior height advantage brought the Falls' Broncos a 58-49 victory over Gilbert.

The Bucs came out on the bottom of a 68-60 score in a hard fought game against Aurora.

Although Gilbert had gained one win over Biwabik in the early part of the season, the Braves upset the Bucs in a low scoring game. Gilbert grabbed an early lead, but in the final canto they were downed to the tune of 35-33.

A last second two-pointer by James Veronick gave the Bucs an unexpected win over the first place Eveleth Golden Bears. Gilbert outclassed the Bears when they gained a 15 point lead by the end of the third period.

The final game of the season showed the hard fighting Buccaneers again at the lower end of the scoring column. The Bucs thirteenth loss of the season came with this defeat by the Morgan Park Wildcats.



Capt. James Sandstrom



Michael Ahlin, Guard



John Kern, Guard



James Gorsha, Guard



David Lopp, Forward

BALL

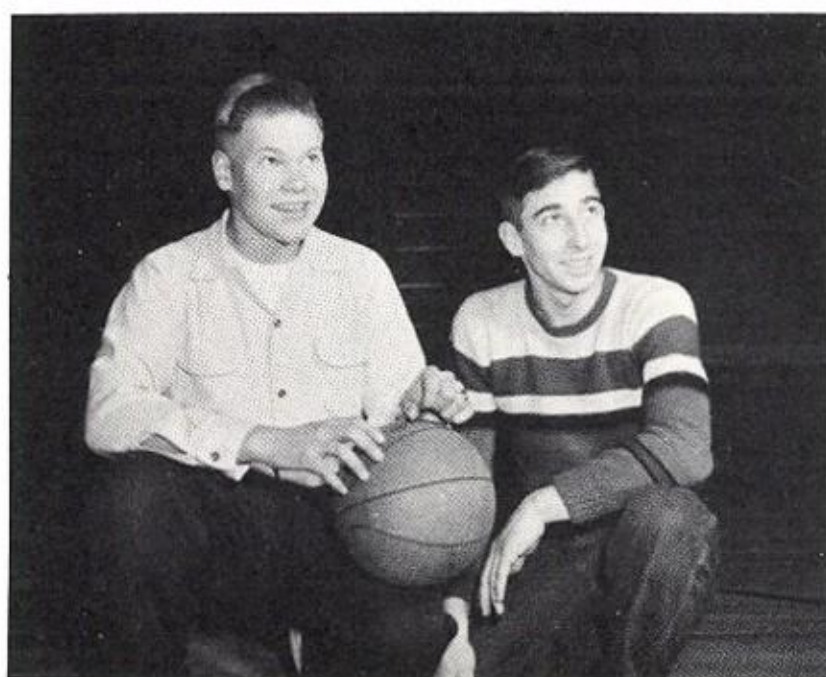




Mr. Meble, Mr. Kerzie. LEFT TO RIGHT—D. Lopp, J. Lakso, R. Indihar, D. Plesha, R. Mohar, J. Veronick, J. Sandstrom, J. Gorsha, R. Scuffy, M. Ahlin, D. Micheletti, J. Kern.



BASKETBALL

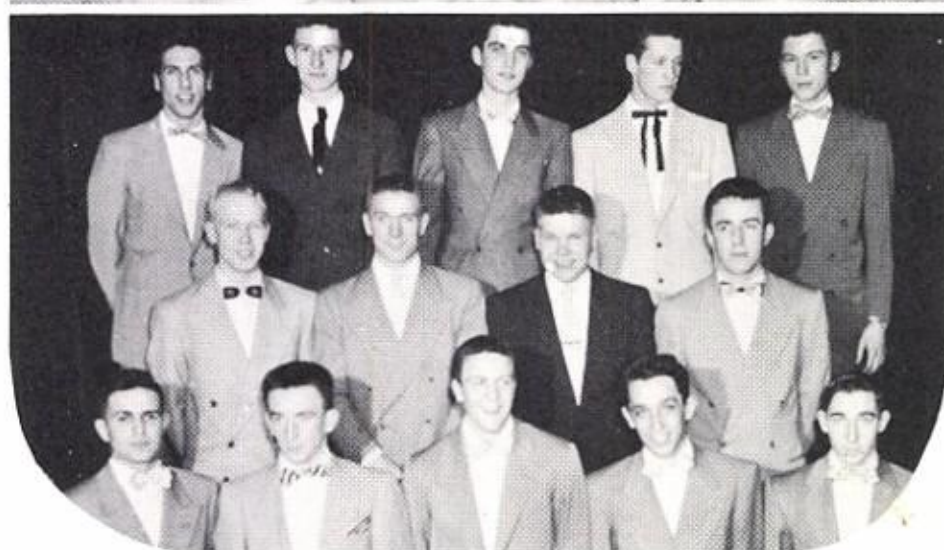


MANAGERS—R. Palso, R. Butala.

BASKETBALL

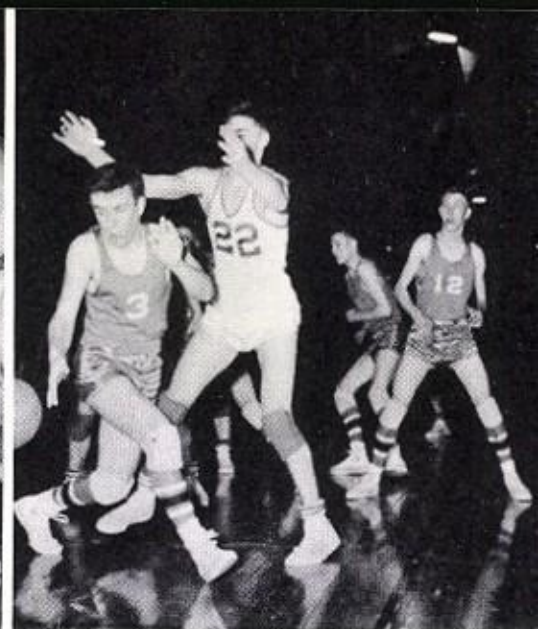
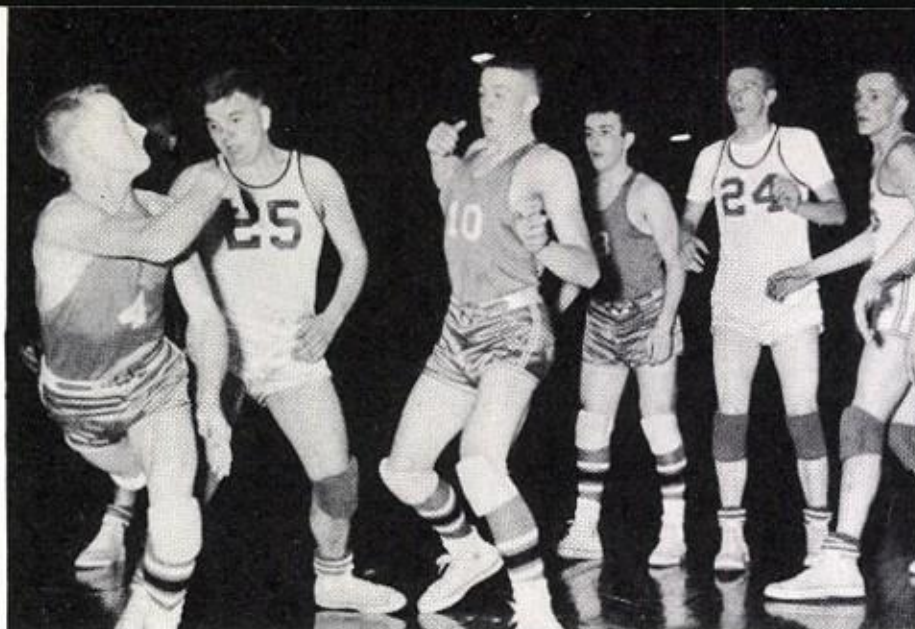
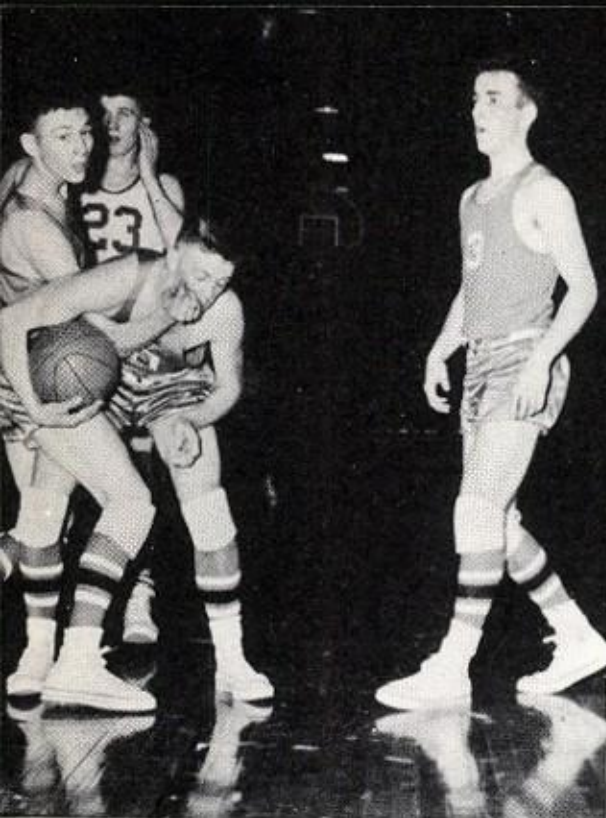
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Gilbert	46	Esko	60
Gilbert	49	Int. Falls	58
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Gilbert	43	Morgan Park	59





This year's basketball homecoming was much more than just a gala celebration, it also marked the dedication of the new Gilbert High Gymnasium. A pep meeting took place that afternoon and the announcement of our new 1954 queen, Marie Malkovich, was made. Everyone had basketball fever, and all were hoping to see the Gilbert Bucs pull through with a victory over the Eveleth Golden Bears. The game was a close one, but the Bears proved to have more punch and pulled through with a 56-53 victory over the Bucs. During the half, Mr. Aldo Frillici directed the band in formation. Gilbert basketball teams that have gone to the state and the 1951 State Champions were honored and the key to the new gym was presented to the school by Mr. Paul Damberg, architect.

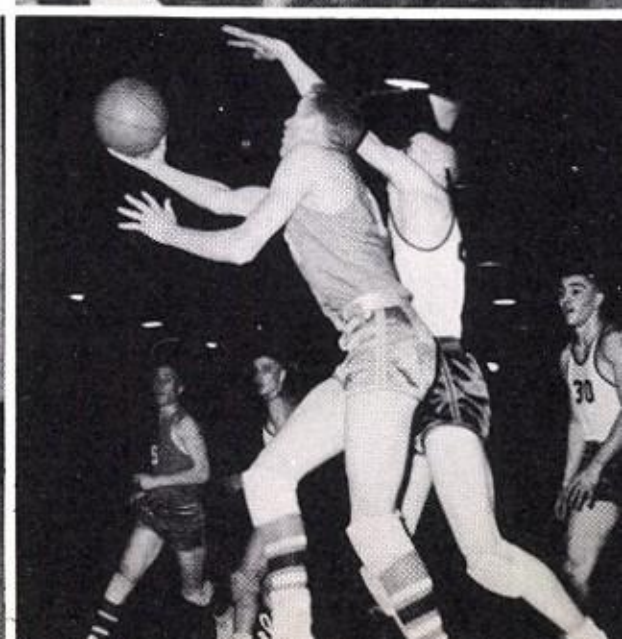
After the game a dance was held at the Community Center at which Marie Malkovich was crowned queen by Jack Lakso. The queens court included — princesses — Beverly Ambrosch and Betty Jane Sissala; duchesses — Helen Sereno, Shirley Erickson, Darlene Jofs, Shelby Curnow, Eileen Nyquist, Ellen Rose Keller, and Annette Stupca. Escorts were — Jack Lakso, Dennis Micheletti, James Gorsha, Robert Mohar, Robert Nanti, Sylvester Fumia, Robert Scuffy, Michael Ahlin, James Veronick and David Lopp.



With a strong determination to make up for the many losses of the season, the Gilbert Buccaneers flung themselves into the opening game of the District 27 Basketball Tournament. It was a hard job for the Bucs to down the equally determined Embarrass team, but they came through with a decisive victory thus entering them in the next game with the tournament favorite, Eveleth.

The Eveleth game is one that will be remembered not only by the team and students, but by the vast crowd that packed into the Eveleth Hippodrome, and by those who heard the game over the radio. It was a close game all through the first half, but in the third quarter Gilbert gained momentum and completely out played the Bears, holding as much as a sixteen point lead over the highly favored opponents. When there was only one minute and twenty-seven seconds to go the Bucs held a 14 point advantage, the Eveleth Golden Bears staged a rally that grabbed the expected victory from the Gilbert five. Before the team had time to gain their bearings, the Bears had nipped the lead down to one, with 11 seconds to go. A last second basket by Eveleth ended this heart-breaking game and brought to a close the 1954 season for the Buccaneers.

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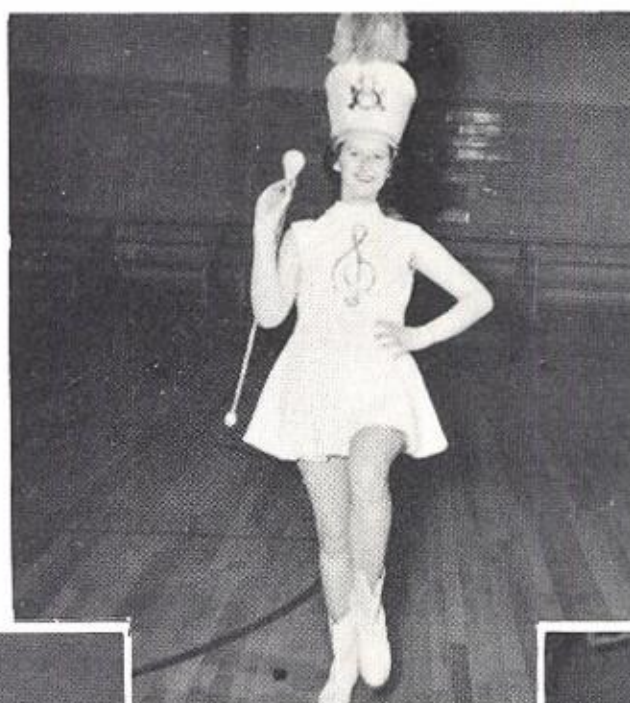


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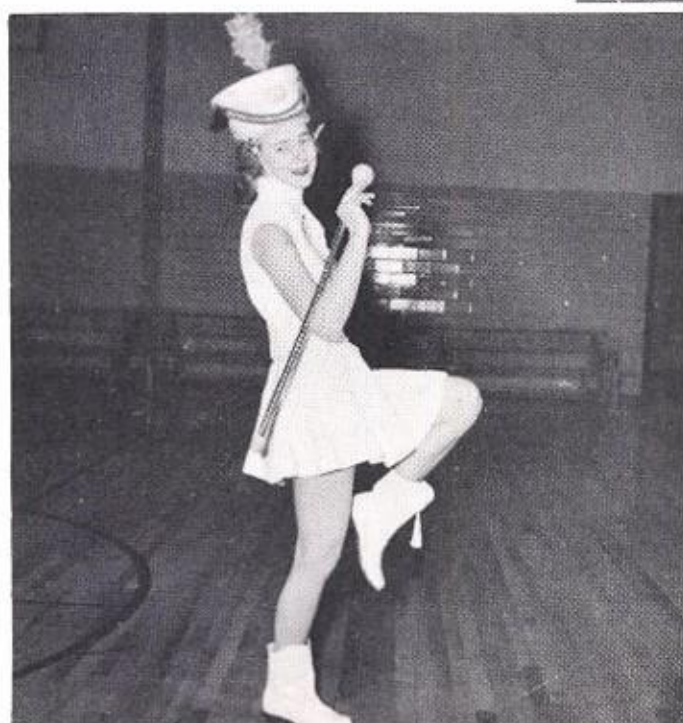


CHEERLEADERS—Left to right—J. Carroll, A. Stupca, S. Curnow, H. Sereno.

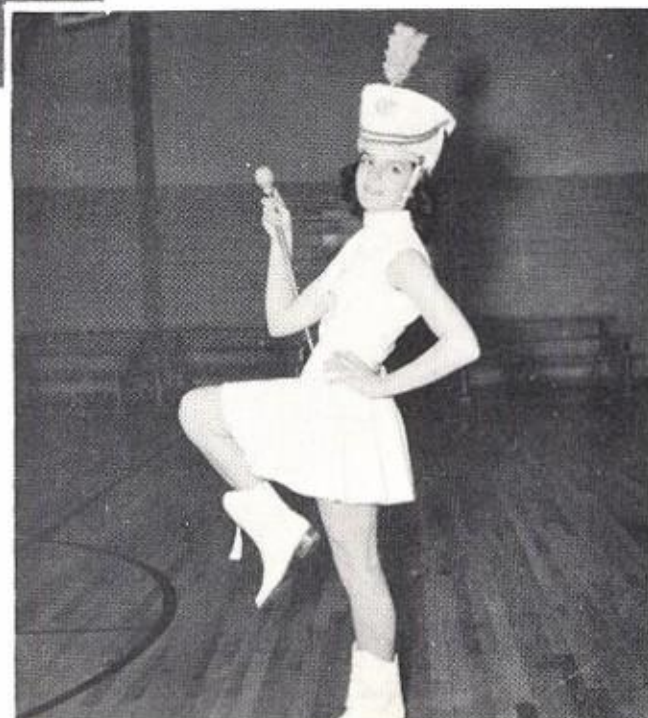
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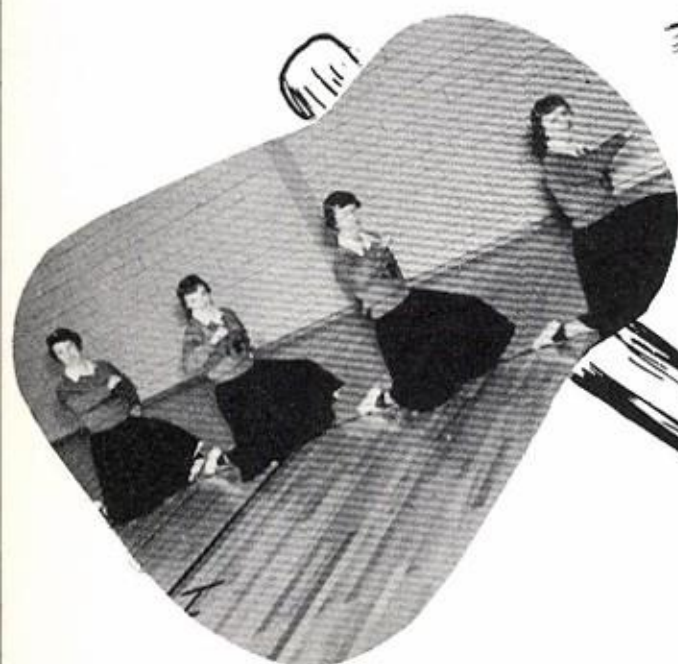
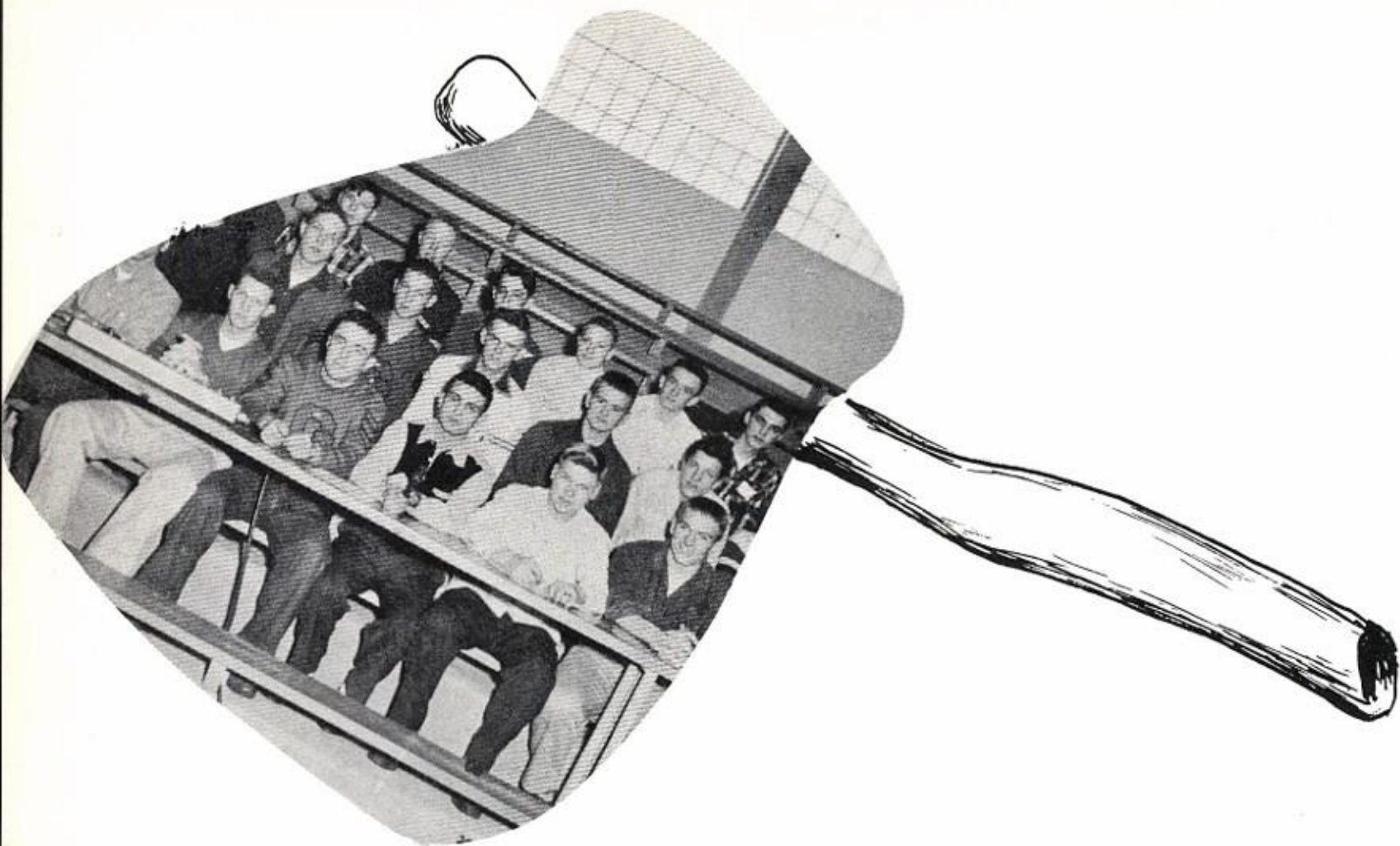
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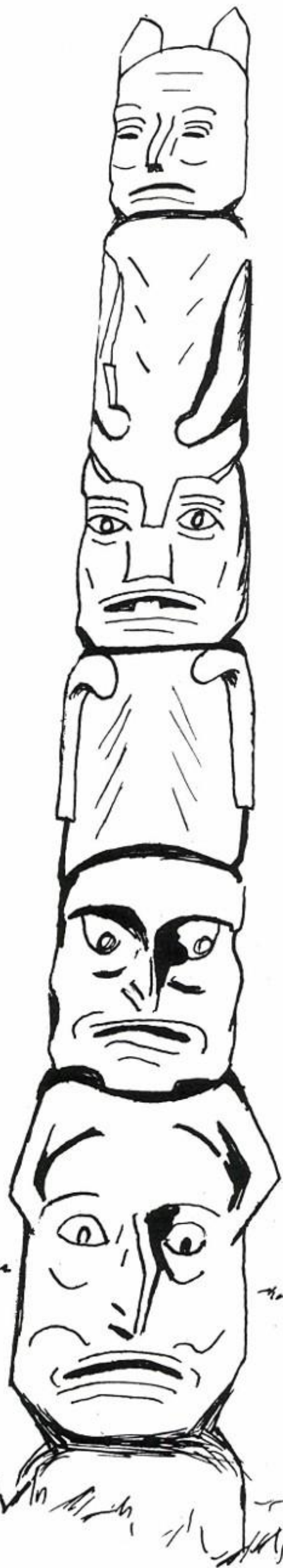
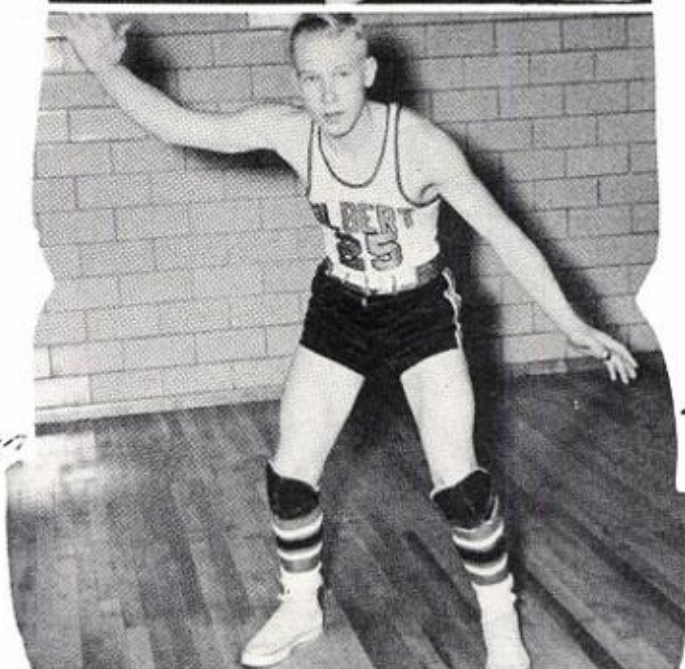
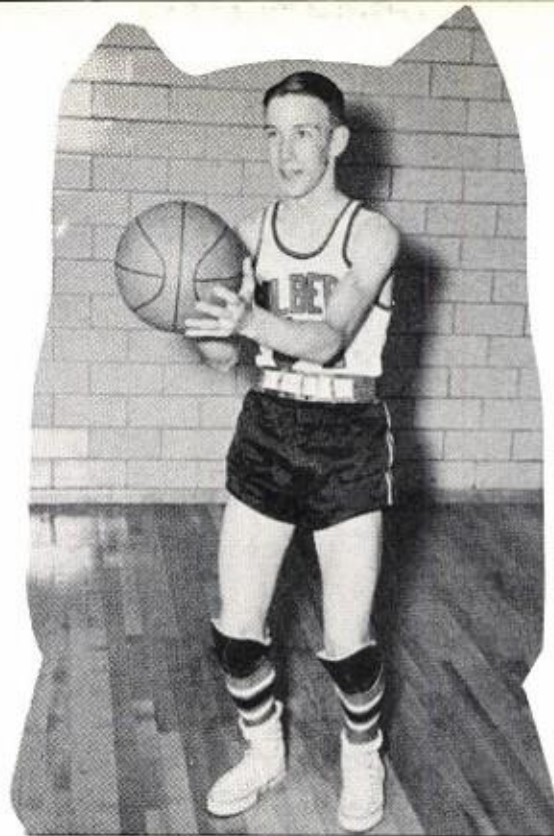


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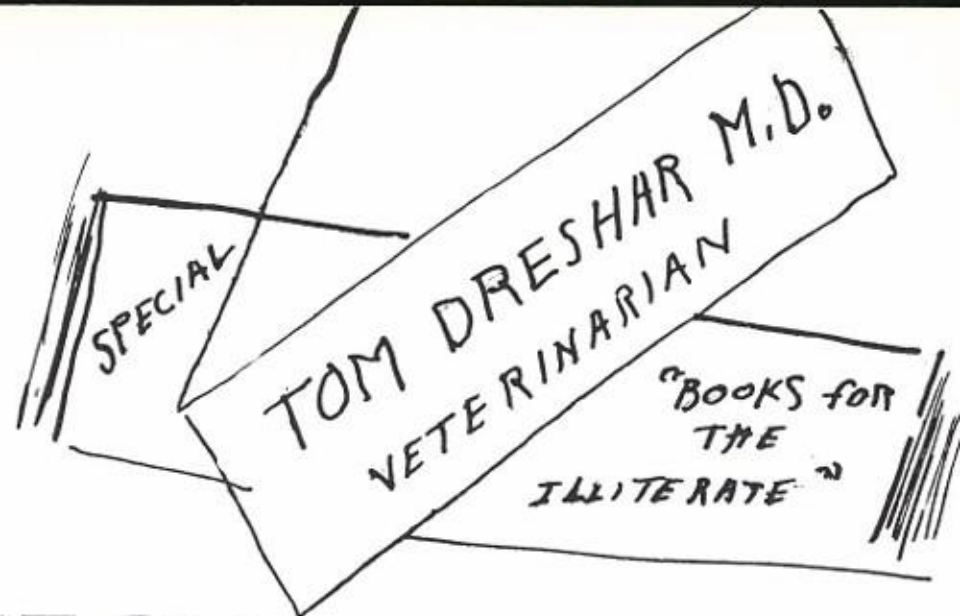
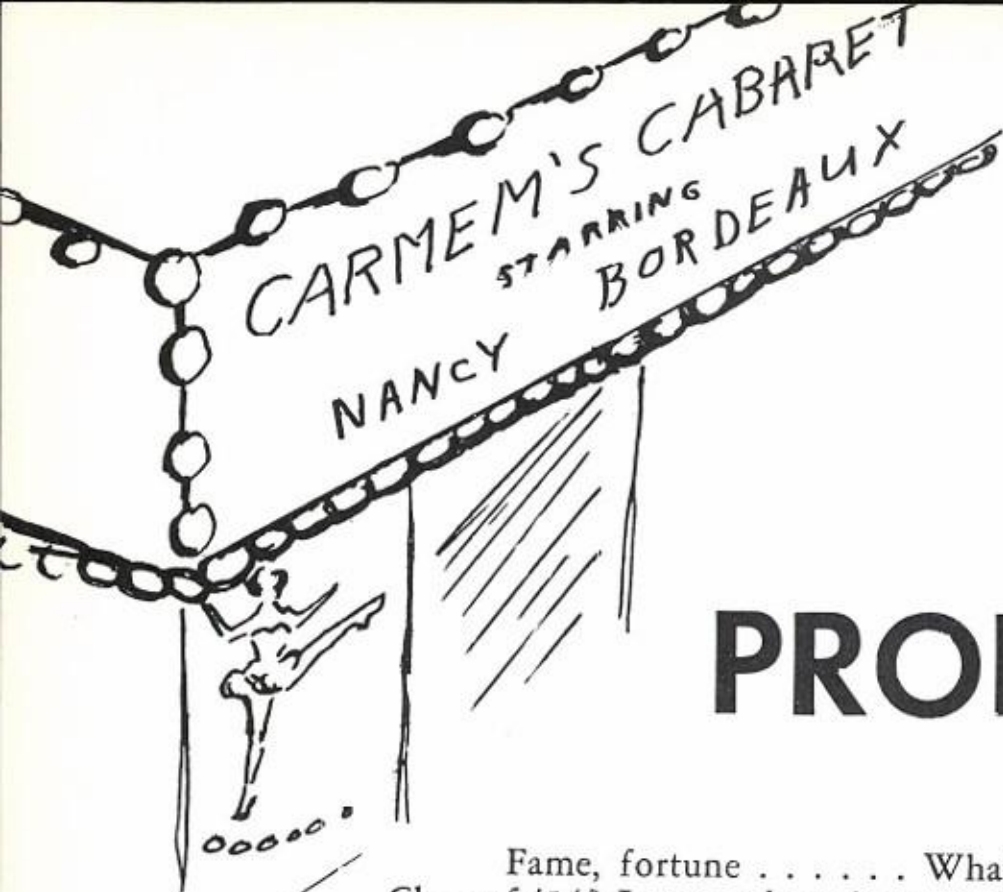


J. Plesha





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PROPHECY

Fame, fortune What will the future hold in store for the Senior Class of '54? Let us take a journey far into the future, ten years, to the year 1964. Where will we be . . . what will be our fate?

Janet Erickson never did end up in a library. She is now a public accountant delving into the mysteries of John Kerns bankruptcy.

Dick Potocnik, a successful farmer, has just set up a standard on egg output that surpasses all others. However, do not underestimate Margaret Mulden who had the highest total in the Pike River Area.

Lois Makinen (nee Lois Gaeloski) and Helen Hanninen (nee "Tillie" Sereno) can be found discussing their numerous children while shopping for groceries at Ken Aho's thriving Co-op Store.

Annette Stupca has boldly opened a "Sizes For The Small Ones" shop in competition with Dave Lopps "Booties Bountiful" baby shop.

The story of Joyce Carroll's gigantic success on the legitimate stage can be found in Betty Novak's bookstore, "Books For The Illiterate".

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Fumia (nee Shirley Erickson) have just announced the grand opening of their night club, "Carmen's Cabaret". Featured nitely is that famous high-kicker, Nancy Bordeaux.

Tom Dreshar, the veterinarian, has just signed a contract to care for the dogs in Elaine Saari's trained dog act.

Richard Butala, sole inheritor of a million dollar fortune, has taken scientists Russel Palso and Ed Kodunce on a cruise of the world for a well deserved rest.

Darlene Kosteliz has just been made the first woman engineer at the Heikkinen Iron Mining Company.

Donna Lakso is now a missionary in the Bongo Congo where she is teaching her theories on self-preservation.

Arlene Byman and Beverly Curnow are now employed as models by Ellen, of "Ellen's Fashions Inc."

Prominent screen actors, Bob Nanti and Jim Sandstrom, are battling it out as to who will play opposite Lois Laukkonen in "Indigo Horizons".

Tom Indihar, a wealthy business tycoon, has just agreed to back Dennis Michelletti in his wine making venture.

Jimmy Veronick and his Hawaiian Combo can be heard nightly over almost any local station.

We have now concluded our journey into the future and we begin to wonder, is it true? Perhaps. Time will tell.

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Class Will

We, the Class of '54, being of sound mind and possessing a reasonable facsimile of mental fitness, do hereby bequeath to the Class of '55 the following:

Ken Aho wills his natural aptitude for the sousaphone to Loueen Adams.

To Louise Bronich goes Ellen Aro's special ability for "on-the-spot character analysis".

Nancy Bordeaux and Johnny Kern leave their "I do not-You do too" discussions to?

Richie Butala gives a little of that quiet charm to Roger Nikunen.

Those fluttering eyelids of Arlene Byman's are bestowed upon Rose Botta.

Joyce Carroll leaves her perpetual "good morning" to any future senior mixed up enough to use it.

Beverly Curnow wills her knack for fire building to any struggling campers.

Tommy Dreshar wills "them crazy legs" to Donald Visovatti.

Janet Erickson leaves a warning to the junior girls, "Keep away from Willie".

Shirley Erickson conveys her immortal blue corduroy pants to Margie Sereno.

Carmen Fumia bequeaths his ability to make himself at home anywhere to Bob Scuffy.

Bev Ambrosh inherits Lois Gaeloski's morning cruise to school.

Jackie Heikkinen reluctantly bestows a fellow Spartan, Bob Kangas, with his Range conquests.

Tommy Indihar leaves a long list of "tried and tested" pranks to Bob Mohar and Don Plesha.

Eddy Kodunce leaves his famous subtle humour as a morale builder for the Class of '55.

Darlene Kosteliz wills her undying enthusiasm for a good polka to Darlene Jofs and Del Brula.

Donna Lakso leaves her recurrent effort to diet to all fellow chubbies.

Lois Laukkonen hands down her serene beauty to Margie Brula.

Dave Lopp wills his capacity for entertaining himself to Albert Wallis.

Dennis Micheletti leaves his frequent trips "over the hill" to Jim Gorsha.

As a gift of final truce Peggy Mulden bestows upon Jack Lakso her dimples.

Bob Nanti wills his seeming disinterest in women to any boy who wants to "keep them geussing".

Betty Novak presents Jeanne Heikkinen with a little of her natural poise.

Russell Palso will divide that famous "Palso Pork" with anyone who so desires.

Dick Potocnik leaves a final column of bookkeeping figures that wouldn't check to Ruth Koko and Eileen Nyquist.

Barby Kukar receives Elaine Saari's interesting Spanish correspondence.

Jim Sandstrom lends a little of his technicoloring to Ellard Krogstad.

Anne Grippe, Jeanette Himmelright and Shirley Jarvis each receive some of Helen Sereno's captivating charm.

Susie Stupca bequeaths to Marie Malkovich her talent for making and designing baby clothes.

Jimmy Veronick conveys his "come to the casba" way with women to Mickey Ahlin.

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